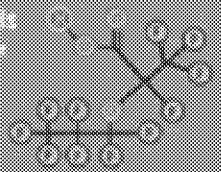
# PFAS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## WHAT ARE PFAS CHEMICALS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS and GenX chemicals. Since the 1940s, PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe including in the United States. PFOA and PFOS have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals. PFAS are very persistent in the environment and in the human body. Exposure to certain PFAS can lead to serious health effects.

### PFOA & PFOS

U.S. manufacturers voluntarily phased out PFOA and PFOS. See specific PFAS chemicals

### GenX Chemicals

GenX chemicals are a replacement for PFOA.