

FRAGRANCE CHEMICALS: WHAT'S THE STINK?

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Time: 5:30 No-host bar. Program begins at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 donation requested

Location: Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, 291 Country Club Drive, Incline Village

Check the list of ingredients in your shampoo, lotion, or soap—chances are, it contains at least one fragrance chemical, even if it claims to be unscented. Over the past decade, the use of fragranced personal care products has dramatically increased, but scientific research on their impacts on human health and the environment has lagged behind. The ubiquitous use of these chemicals in consumer products, the lack of clear policies regulating their disclosure on product labels, and the challenge of studying the human and environmental health consequences of fragranced personal care products make this an important emerging environmental and public health issue.

To better understand what drives people to use (or not to use) fragranced personal care products, a group of UC Davis researchers conducted a nationwide survey on this and other emerging environmental issues. They will share the results of the survey, what science can tell us about fragrance chemicals and environmental and human health, and where you can go to learn more about the ingredients in your favorite personal care products.



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