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One item that I constantly have on me is my Smith's strawberry scented lip balm. I often lose other lip balms but I really enjoy the scent of the strawberry and have used the same kind of multiple years. However, I was surprised to find out that my favorite part about the lip balm, the scent is the most hazardous part. While overall the balm has a rating of 3, the ingredients found to make the fragrance labelled, "Trade Secret Perfume Premix" has a high rating of 8. It has the ability to irritate the skin, eye, lungs, etc. In addition, it can also cause organ system toxicity. This is shocking to me because I have eczema which constantly dries out my skin, and if the lip balm I've been using for several years has been contributing to the irritation my skin experiences then it's time I find a new brand that is both sustainable and safe for my body. Other ingredients in the list such as petrolatum have a hazardous rating of 4, cotton seed oil and peppermint oil both have a rating of 1.

When I began searching for alternatives I looked up brands I often see in stores I shop at such as Wegmans which I know offers many organic and safe options for both food and products. One brand that I often see there is Dr. Bronner's. On their website I found their lip balm which comes in 4 different scents which is great for me because I can try multiple options. Then I put the product into the database and found that it had an overall hazardous rating of 1 with ingredients such as lemon oil, lime oil, hemp seed oil, jojoba seed oil, avocado oil, beeswax, and tocopherol. All of the ingredients were labelled as organic unlike the Smith's, in addition the highest the rating went up to was 4 with all the rest being 1. The price difference was also astonishing to me. The Dr. Bronner's lip balm was \$3.49 while the Smith's was \$8.

I think the switch will not only be better for my body and my wallet it will also be fun to try out the different scents that Dr. Bronner's offers. I will definitely make the switch.

Dr. Bronner's **BRANDS** Smith's
Lip Balm

Price

\$3.49 \$8

- Hazardous rating of 1
- All organic ingredients based in different plant oils

Ingredients

- Hazardous rating of 3
- Contains Perfume mix for fragrance that can cause irritation

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