



Toy Cleaning Procedure and Sanitizing Solution

Infant and Toddler Toys

1. Minimize the sharing of mouthing toys to reduce the spread of germs. Clean and sanitize toys daily.
2. Sanitize all frequently touched toys (eg. puzzles and books) twice per week and when necessary. Wipe, rather than soak, these toys with a sanitizing solution. These toys only need to be cleaned before sanitizing if they are visibly soiled.
3. Clean any larger toys such as activity centers as well as toy storage shelves once per week.
4. For older children clean all toys, activity centers and toy storage shelves on a weekly basis or when the need arises.

Large Toys and Equipment Washing - Manual Method Cleaning In Place

When toys and equipment cannot be immersed in water (in sinks), cleaning and sanitizing shall conform to the method noted below. Large toys and equipment must be:

1. Washed with a detergent solution that is maintained at a temperature of not less than 45°C.
2. Rinsed with clean water that is maintained at a temperature of not less than 45°C.
3. Sanitized by wiping with a cloth that has been immersed in an approved sanitizing solution (see “Approved Sanitizing Solutions” below). A sanitizing solution in a spray bottle may be used with a clean and sanitized cloth to replace this step.
4. Air-dry.

Drying Equipment

Toys and equipment must be allowed to air dry after being cleaned and sanitized. Towel drying is prohibited, as it will contaminate clean articles.

Approved Sanitizing Solutions for “In Place Manual Cleaning”

1. A solution of not less than 100 ppm available chlorine.
 - a. small quantities - 2 ml (~ ½-1 teaspoon) bleach for 1 litre (4 cups) of water.
 - b. large quantities- 1-2 tablespoons bleach in 4 litres water.
2. A quaternary ammonium compound having a strength of at least 200 ppm.
3. A solution containing at least 12.5 ppm available iodine at a temperature of not more than 45°C.

Importantly:

- Make fresh solution weekly. The solution strength will weaken over time.
- Store ready for use in a spray bottle/ bucket labelled **(SANITIZER)**.
- Keep all sanitizers and other chemicals in a locked cupboard, out of reach of children and away from food.
- Do not mix bleach with soap
- Use test strips to check the strength of the sanitizing solution

For more information, please contact your local Environmental Health Officer.

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