

Guidelines for the Use of Wiping Cloths

The following are guidelines set by Capital Health, Environmental Public Health Services for the use of wiping cloths.

1. All food surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized before and after use.
2. Wiping cloths shall be single use disposable or of some material that can be easily rinsed in water and sanitized in an approved manner.
3. Wiping cloths shall be used for food surface wiping purposes ONLY and stored in a sanitizing solution.
4. The sanitizing solution shall be a commercial sanitizing product (used as directed) or domestic bleach.
5. Approved sanitizing solutions are as follows:
 - **Bleach:** A solution of not less than 100 - 200 ppm (part per million) chlorine is required. To obtain this concentration, when using 5% household bleach, the approximate dilutions are as follows:
 - a) 1/2 ounce per gallon of water, or
 - b) 1/2 teaspoon per litre of water, or
 - c) 2 ml. per litre of water
 - **Quats:** A quaternary ammonium compound (quats) having a strength of at least 200 ppm is required.
 - **Iodine:** An iodine solution containing at least 25 ppm available iodine is required.
6. The container for keeping the sanitizing solution and cloths shall be of a distinct color that is labelled and has a minimum capacity of one gallon.
7. The sanitizing solution shall be changed as often as necessary to maintain the recommended concentration residual for your sanitizer.
8. Chemical test papers are required to measure the concentration of the sanitizing solution.



For more information, please contact your nearest Environmental Public Health Services office.