



Disinfection

WHAT MUST BE DISINFECTED?

Any tool that touches a customer must be disinfected before it can be used on another person. If it cannot be disinfected (such as emery boards, neck strips, cotton pads, etc.), it must be thrown away immediately after use. Towels, sheets, gowns, etc. must be washed before they are used on another person.

HOW TO DISINFECT:

- **Remove** — all visible debris.
- **Wash** — with soap or detergent and water. If necessary, use a scrub brush to remove any foreign matter.
- **Rinse*** — in clean water.
- **Dry** — with a new clean paper towel. This is important so the disinfection solution does not get diluted.
- **Immerse** — tools in an EPA-registered disinfectant used according to manufacturer's instructions. Tools must be totally immersed in the disinfectant. Use a properly mixed EPA-registered disinfectant that has demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity. The disinfectant solution must be mixed and available for use at all times. The disinfectant must be covered at all times and changed according to the manufacturer's instructions or when it is cloudy or contains debris. Containers for disinfectant must be labeled "Disinfectant Solution".
- **Wear** — protective gloves or use tongs when removing tools from the disinfectant.
- **Dry*** — with a new, clean paper towel.

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- **Store** — all disinfected tools in a clean, covered place which is labeled “clean” or “disinfected”. Disinfected tools shall not be placed in a container, pouch or holder which cannot be disinfected.

HOW TO DISINFECT SHEARS:

- **Remove** — all visible debris.
- **Wash** — with soap or detergent and water. If necessary, use a scrub brush to remove any foreign matter.
- **Rinse*** — in clean water.
- **Spray or wipe** — shears with an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal activity, used according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- **Store** — all disinfected tools in a clean, covered place which is labeled “Clean” or Disinfected”. Disinfected shears shall not be placed in a container, pouch or holder which cannot be disinfected.

** These steps are not required in the law or regulations as part of the disinfection process. However, it is recommended that licensees include these additional steps to achieve the maximum benefits of the disinfection process.*

