

Cleaning and Disinfection of Public Spaces

Prevent the Spread of COVID-19



- Common cleaners and disinfectants are effective against COVID-19.
- Check the expiry date and follow instructions on label (e.g. the amount of time the surface has to remain wet in order for the product to work).
- Use a pre-mixed solution when possible of a cleaner (breaks down dirt/grease) and disinfectant (kills germs). Use a cleaner before disinfecting if a combined product is not available.
- Only use a disinfectant with a Drug Identification Number (DIN) from Health Canada.
- Use diluted, unscented bleach if a disinfectant product is not available at a ratio of 1 part bleach to 50 parts water (ex. 5 mL of bleach per 250 mL water). Use solution within a day as it can degrade.
- Disinfectant wipes are a combined cleaner and disinfectant in one product but are NOT recommended for heavily soiled surfaces. Discard if dry. Baby wipes do not work.



- Read and follow manufacturer's instructions to properly prepare solution.
- Wear gloves and personal protective equipment recommended by the manufacturer.
- Wash hands after removing gloves.
- Ensure the area is well ventilated when cleaning.



- Continue routine cleaning and follow any additional organizational protocols related to COVID-19.
- Clean commonly-touched surfaces and shared spaces at least twice a day and when visibly dirty; light switches, door knobs, elevator buttons, faucets, toilet handles, etc.
- Continue following routine dishwashing and/or laundering practices.