



# Education Module

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## Wiping Cloth Bucket

### Definition

The law and Food Service Best Practices require damp wiping cloths to be kept in a sanitizing solution at all times. Cloths should be rinsed in running water and wrung out before placing in bucket with sanitizing solution.

### Information

A wet and dirty wiping cloth has all the ingredients present (moisture, soil and room temperature) to encourage bacteria growth. Wiping cloths kept in a bucket of sanitizer solution will keep bacteria from growing and contaminating your customer's food when used to wipe up spills.

### Process for Wiping Cloth Bucket Mixing and Testing

1. Fill bucket to the desired fill line with warm water (75°-110°F).
2. NOTE – SFS Wiping Cloth Buckets have 2 fill lines.
3. Pump in one stroke from SFSPac® Sanitizer Stock Solution Bottle for each fill line used.
4. Allow to sit for 60 seconds before putting in a DRY cloth.
5. If bucket is needed immediately wet the cloth with water before putting it in the bucket.
6. To test, tear a 2" strip from Sanitizer Test Strip Dispenser
7. Submerge into bucket for 10 seconds. Hold test strip STILL in the solution.
8. Remove and compare to color chart on dispenser-should be a minimum 200ppm and not more than 400 ppm.
9. Record results on Sanitizer Test Log Form.
10. If not 200ppm, empty and rinse bucket, then prepare new solution.

### You Should Know

1. Why is it important to keep wiping towels in a wiping cloth bucket?
2. When should you change the sanitizer solution in bucket?
3. What should be done before placing a cloth in the bucket?
4. How to test the solution for proper strength?