

Education Module

Wiping Cloth Bucket

Definition-

The law, health code and Food Service Best Practices require wiping cloths to be kept in a sanitizing solution between uses. 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

Fill bucket to the desired fill line with warm water (75°-110°F).

- NOTE – SFS Wiping Cloth Buckets have 2 fill lines.
- Pump in one stroke from SFSPac® Sanitizer Stock Solution Bottle for each fill line used.
- Allow to sit for 60 seconds before putting in a DRY cloth.

NOTE - If bucket is needed immediately wet the cloth completely with water and ring out the excess before putting it in the bucket.

To test, tear a 2” strip from Sanitizer Test Strip Dispenser

- Submerge into bucket for 10 seconds. Hold test strip STILL in the solution.
- Remove and compare to color chart on dispenser-should be a minimum 200ppm and not more than 400 ppm.
- Record results on Sanitizer Test Log Form.
- If not 200 to 400 ppm, 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?

Note: When mixed according to manufacturer's instructions, SFSPac Sanitizer complies with 21 C.F.R. 178.010 and local health code.

Technical specifications can be found in the SFSPac Procedure and Reference Guide.

