

Safe Cleaning in your Home or Rental

Disinfectants vs Cleaners

The CDC classifies cleaning as the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces.



Cleaning removes germs but does not kill them, lessening the risk of infection.

Disinfection involves the killing of germs, greatly decreasing any chance of infection or cross-contamination.



Wear protective equipment!

- Gloves (disposable or sturdy reusable rubber)
- Masks (beware of invisible fumes!)
- Goggles
- Clean in well ventilated areas



Bleach is a great home disinfectant but should be handled carefully;

- Never mix bleach with other products
- Dilute in a 1/3 cup bleach to 1 gallon of water mixture
- Avoid getting bleach on any part of the body-if bleach gets on your skin wash immediately with water!

To find out if a product is safe or will work for a certain level of organism check EPA.gov for guidance!

The EPA and CDC both list bleach as an effective disinfectant for COVID-19.

Keeping surfaces clean:

- 1 Make sure your cleaner is EPA approved and read the directions!
- 2 Scrub the surface with soap and water to remove debris.
- 3 Apply the disinfectant for the directed amount of time (make sure the surface stays damp with product for the entire time!) then wipe clean.
- 4 Wash your hands and store your products according to the label.

Be careful mixing products!

Acids and bases should never meet:

Acids include: Rust, mold, or mildew removers, toilet/tub/tile cleaners, or vinegar.



Bases include: Bleach products, oven/glass/all purpose cleaners, drain cleaners, baking soda, or laundry detergents.



The best practice is to avoid mixing any cleaning products! You never know what could cause a reaction!