

5 Steps for Effective Surface Cleaning & Disinfection

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CLEAN THE SURFACE FIRST

Remove dust, dirt, and debris with soap and water.

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CHOOSE THE RIGHT DISINFECTANT

Select an EPA-approved product and ensure you are trained to use it correctly. Always read and follow the label instructions, including any precautions and safety measures.

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APPLY THE DISINFECTANT SAFELY AND CORRECTLY



Always follow the label instructions for proper application, including the amount to use. For liquid products, consider applying to a pad or cloth first to reduce airborne vapors. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves and eye protection, as specified on the label. Be aware of potential hazards, as some disinfectants can be strong irritants or sensitizers.

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FOLLOW DWELL TIME

Keep the surface wet for the time listed on the disinfectant label (usually 2–10 minutes).



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FOLLOW LABEL INSTRUCTIONS AFTER CLEANING

Wipe the surface or allow it to air dry, as directed on the label. Once finished, wash your hands thoroughly or remove gloves if used, following proper hygiene practices.



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 commit2care.org/indoor-air-quality-tools.

This infographic was inspired by the expertise of AIHA's Indoor Environmental Quality Committee, whose resources guide safe and effective disinfection practices. Their dedication to improving indoor environments helps create healthier workplaces, schools, and communities. Learn more at AIHA's Indoor Environmental Quality Committee.

