



Cleaning and Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces

PURPOSE: To prevent foodborne illness by ensuring that all food contact surfaces are properly cleaned and sanitized.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Follow State or local health department requirements.
2. Follow manufacturer's instructions regarding the use and maintenance of equipment and use of chemicals for cleaning and sanitizing food contact surfaces. Refer to Storing and Using Poisonous or Toxic Chemicals SOP.
3. If State or local requirements are based on the *SD Dept of Health Food Code*, wash, rinse, and sanitize food contact surfaces of sinks, tables, equipment, utensils, thermometers, carts, and equipment:
 - Before each use
 - Between uses when preparing different types of raw animal foods, such as eggs, fish, meat, and poultry
 - Between uses when preparing ready-to-eat foods and raw animal foods, such as eggs, fish, meat, and poultry
 - Any time contamination occurs or is suspected
4. Wash, rinse, and sanitize food contact surfaces of sinks, tables, equipment, utensils, thermometers, carts, and equipment using the following procedure:
 - Wash surface with detergent solution.
 - Rinse surface with clean water.
 - Sanitize surface using a sanitizing solution mixed at a concentration specified on the manufacturer's label.
 - Place wet items in a manner to allow air drying.
5. If a 3-compartment sink is used, setup and use the sink in the following manner:
 - In the first compartment, wash with a clean detergent solution at or above 110 °F or at the temperature specified by the detergent manufacturer.
 - In the second compartment, rinse with clean water.
 - In the third compartment, sanitize with a sanitizing solution mixed at a concentration specified on the manufacturer's label or by immersing in hot water at or above 171 °F for 30 seconds. Test the chemical sanitizer concentration by using an appropriate test kit.
6. If a dish-machine is used:
 - Check with the dish-machine manufacturer to verify that the information on the data plate is correct.
 - Refer to the information on the data plate for determining wash, rinse, and sanitization (final) rinse temperatures; sanitizing solution concentrations; and water pressures, if applicable.
 - Follow manufacturer's instructions for use.

- Ensure that food contact surfaces reach a surface temperature of 160 °F or above if using hot water to sanitize.

MONITORING:

1. During all hours of operation, visually and physically inspect food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils to ensure that the surfaces are clean.
2. In a 3-compartment sink, on a daily basis:
 - Visually monitor that the water in each compartment is clean.
 - Take the water temperature in the first compartment of the sink by using a calibrated thermometer.
 - If using chemicals to sanitize, test the sanitizer concentration by using the appropriate test kit for the chemical.
 - If using hot water to sanitize, use a calibrated thermometer to measure the water temperature. Refer to Using and Calibrating Thermometers SOPs.
3. In a dish-machine, on a daily basis:
 - Visually monitor that the water and the interior parts of the machine are clean and free of debris.
 - Continually monitor the temperature and pressure gauges, if applicable, to ensure that the machine is operating according to the data plate.
 - For hot water sanitizing dish-machine, ensure that food contact surfaces are reaching the appropriate temperature by placing a piece of heat sensitive tape on a small-ware item or a maximum registering thermometer on a rack and running the item or rack through the dish-machine.
 - For chemical sanitizing dish-machine, check the sanitizer concentration on a recently washed food-contact surface using an appropriate test kit.



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