

# Cleaning and Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces SOP

## (Three Compartment Sink)

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

**SCOPE:** This procedure applies to foodservice employees involved in cleaning and sanitizing food contact surfaces.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Train foodservice employees on using the procedures in this SOP.
2. Follow the Washoe County Health District's requirements.
3. Follow manufacturer's instructions regarding the use and maintenance of equipment and use of chemicals for cleaning and sanitizing food contact surfaces.
4. 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
5. 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.
6. Setup and use the 3-compartment 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 sanitizing solution mixed at a concentration of  
Test the chemical sanitizer concentration by using an appropriate test kit.

**MONITORING:**

Foodservice employees will:

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. For the 3-compartment sink, daily:
  - 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.
  - Test sanitizer concentrations using:

**CORRECTIVE ACTION:**

1. Retrain any foodservice employee found not following the procedures in this SOP.
2. Wash, rinse, and sanitize dirty food contact surfaces. Sanitize food contact surfaces if it is discovered that the surfaces were not properly sanitized. Discard food that comes in contact with food contact surfaces that have not been sanitized properly.
3. For the 3-compartment sink:
  - Drain and refill compartments periodically and as needed to keep the water clean.
  - Adjust the water temperature by adding hot water until the desired temperature is reached.
  - Add more sanitizer or water, as appropriate, until the proper concentration is achieved.

**VERIFICATION AND RECORD KEEPING:**

The foodservice manager will verify that foodservice employees have taken the required sanitizer concentration by visually monitoring foodservice employees during the shift and confirming their results.

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