

Water Pitcher Sanitation Guidelines

Water pouring pitchers should be washed every day after use to help prevent the spread of disease.

Cleaning supplies:

Pitchers should be cleaned in sinks that are used for handwashing and/or food preparation- not sinks that are used to dispose of chemical cleaning agents like those used by the janitor. If the program has access to a dishwasher, pitchers may be washed in that rather than following the hand washing and bleach solution guidelines below.

Cleaning solutions can be stored in labeled spray bottles







Use an assigned brush for cleaning

Soapy solution- hot water and dishwashing detergent (or other appropriate cleaner)

Water/bleach solution- Mix 1 teaspoon of household bleach with 1 gallon of water. If you can smell the bleach, then you know you are using too much bleach.

Household bleach is typically sold in retail stores in one of 2 strengths: 5.25% hypochlorite (regular strength bleach) or 6.00% (ultra strength bleach) solutions. Clorox makes a household bleach.

To Clean and Sanitize:

1. Wash	2. Rinse	3. Sanitize	4. Sit	5. Rinse	6. Air dry and store
pitchers with a soapy solution of dishwasher detergent and hot water using an assigned brush	pitchers with hot water	in water/bleach solution using spray bottle	Allow the pitchers to sit wet for a few minutes	pitchers with hot water	store pitchers upside down or on sides in designated storage area to which only your program has access
					

For more information on proper care of bottled water and dispensers for school, please see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/drinking/proper-care-of-bottled-water-and-dispensers-for-schools.html>