

Terms and Definitions

Clean or cleaning means to remove dirt and debris from a surface by scrubbing and washing with a detergent solution and rinsing with water. This process must be accomplished before sanitizing or disinfecting a surface.

Disinfect means to eliminate virtually all germs from an inanimate surface by the process of cleaning and rinsing, followed by:

- (a) A chlorine bleach and water solution following the manufacturer's instructions; or
- (b) Other disinfectant products registered with the EPA, if used strictly according to the manufacturer's label instructions including, but not limited to, quantity, time the product must be left in place, adequate time to allow the product to dry or rinsing if applicable, and appropriateness for use on the surface to be disinfected. Any disinfectant used on food contact surfaces or toys must be labeled "safe for food contact surfaces".

Disinfectant means a chemical or physical process that kills bacteria and viruses.

Early learning professionals are all early learning providers, child care licensing staff, and other professionals in the early learning field.

Inaccessible to children means a method to prevent a child from reaching, entering, using, or getting to items, areas, or materials of an early learning program.

Pest means an animal, plant, or insect that has a harmful effect on humans, food, or living conditions.

Private septic system means a septic system As defined in chapter 246-272A WAC that is not connected to a public sewer system or a large on-site sewage system as defined in chapter 246-272B WAC. A private septic system includes, but is not limited to, the septic system's drain field and tanks.

RCW means Revised Code of Washington.

Sanitize means to reduce the number of microorganisms on a surface by the process of:

- (a) Cleaning and rinsing with water at a high temperature pursuant to this chapter; or
- (b) Cleaning and rinsing, followed by using:
 - (i) A chlorine bleach and water solution following the manufacturer's instructions; or
 - (ii) Other sanitizer product if it is registered with the EPA and used strictly according to manufacturer's label instructions including, but not limited to, quantity used, time the product must be left in place, adequate time to allow the

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product to dry, and appropriateness for use on the surface to be sanitized. If used on food contact surfaces or toys, a sanitizer product must be labeled as "safe for food contact surfaces".

WAC means Washington Administrative Code.