



Cleaning and disinfecting whirlpool tubs and foot baths

To prevent the transmission of infection, when the whirlpool tub and/or foot bath is not equipped with a continuous disinfectant feed, it is required that the whirlpool tub and/or foot bath be drained, cleaned, disinfected after use by each client.

Procedures for cleaning and disinfecting whirlpool tubs and foot baths

After each client:

1. Drain whirlpool tub and/or foot bath completely.
2. Clean with low sudsing detergent to ensure all scum and oil adhering to the surface is removed.
3. Backwash jets with hose attachment if recommended by manufacturer.
4. Refill whirlpool tub and/or foot bath with lukewarm water to a level just above the jets.
5. Add a disinfectant effective against mycobacteria at manufacturer's recommended dilution (refer to manufacturer's instructions). Recommended strength for chlorine bleach solutions is 1:10.
6. Activate jets and operate for the manufacturers specified contact time to ensure all recirculation lines are flushed and sufficient disinfection contact time is achieved (for bleach circulate for 10 minutes).
7. Drain whirlpool, tub and/or foot bath and wipe dry.

At the end of each day:

1. Remove the screen and scrub with a brush using a detergent and water.
2. Disinfect the screen and replace it.
3. Clean the whirlpool tub or foot bath with a low sudsing detergent.
4. Refill the whirlpool tub or foot bath to a level just above the jets.

5. Add a disinfectant at manufacturer's recommended dilution (refer to manufacturer's instructions for recommended dilution). Recommended strength for chlorine bleach solutions is 1:10.
6. Activate jets and operate for the manufacturers specified contact time to ensure all recirculation lines are flushed and sufficient disinfection contact time is achieved (for bleach circulate for 10 minutes).
7. Drain and wipe dry.

NOTE: Check manufacturer's manual for compatibility with disinfectants. Brushes used for cleaning should be designed for their intended use, disinfected between uses and then hung to dry.

Mixing a 1:10 Bleach Solution

100 mL bleach: 900 mL of water
(1 cup of bleach: 9 cups of water).
Contact time is 10 minutes