

Recommended Cleaning Procedures for Jetted Tubs in Lodging Facilities

It is important for jetted tubs to be properly cleaned and sanitized between guests and after prolonged periods of time when the tub is not in use to prevent the accumulation of debris and to inhibit the growth and spread of waterborne diseases. Jetted tubs can retain standing water within the hose lines, jets, and drains between uses. Unfortunately, these hidden and hard to access areas can actually promote microbial growth. Follow the series of steps below between each guest rental and at least once a week to maintain a clean and safe jetted tub for your guests.

Preparation:

- Gather all chemical products, brushes, cloths and towels required for proper cleaning and sanitizing.
- Ensure there is sufficient air circulation in the room by turning on exhaust fans or opening a window.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves, mask, apron, etc.
- If easily removable, remove the drain cover, all jet covers and any other recirculation covers. Clean the surfaces of the removable covers with a detergent, rinse with clean water, and set aside.

Clean:

1. Install the drain cover and fill the tub with warm water¹ to a level that is at least several inches above the jets.
2. Add detergent² to the water in the tub and let the detergent dissolve.
3. Turn on the jets on a low setting for at least 10 minutes³ to recirculate the detergent solution throughout the hose lines.
4. Turn off the jets and scrub all surfaces of the tub.
5. Drain the tub completely.

Rinse:

6. Fill the tub again with warm water to a level that is several inches above the jets.
7. Turn on the jets to circulate the water in order to remove the detergent and debris from the hose lines.
8. Turn off the jets and drain the tub basin.
9. Remove any visible debris and rinse the tub surfaces.

Sanitize:

10. Reinstall all jet covers and any other recirculation covers.
11. Fill the tub a third time with warm water to a level that is several inches above the jets.
12. Add sanitizer to the tub and allow it to circulate through the jets for 5-10 minutes⁴. Sanitize all surfaces of the tub area following manufacturer's instructions.
13. Drain the tub completely and let the surfaces air dry. Do not rinse off the sanitizer.

Common Detergents: Powder or liquids designed to safely clean grease residues from fiberglass, acrylic, porcelain, ceramic tile, and grout and formulated not to damage chrome, stainless steel or copper.

Common Sanitizers: Chlorine bleach, quaternary ammonium, iodine, acid, or hydrogen peroxides designed specifically for jetted tub sanitizing.

¹ *The water temperature must comply with the manufacturer's specifications listed on the label of the detergent.*

² *The amount of detergent must comply with the manufacturer's specifications listed on the label of the detergent.*

³ *The amount of contact time the sanitizer must be circulated depends on the manufacturer's specifications listed on the label of the sanitizer.*

⁴ *The sanitizer concentration depends on the manufacturer's specifications and recommendations listed on the label of the sanitizer.*

CAUTION: NEVER MIX CHEMICALS! Do NOT mix detergent with sanitizer!

This may cause a dangerous chemical reaction!

