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WHEN SHOULD MOP BUCKET WATER BE CHANGED?



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INTRODUCTION

Mopping is one of the quickest and most efficient ways to ensure that floors are pathogen-free. Though, infrequently changing the mop bucket water can negate the usefulness of regular cleaning.

Primarily this is because bacteria-laden water can contaminate dirty floors, rather than sanitising them. Plus, pathogens from other dirty floors and surfaces can cross-contaminate in mop buckets, creating infectious cleaning water.



MINIMISE CHANGES WITH A DUAL BUCKET & WRINGER SYSTEM

Mopping trolleys with a dual bucket and wringer system can keep mop water cleaner and safer for longer, but they still require frequent changes.

Using this system allows the dirty water to be wrung out before it is returned to the clean solution. The more care taken when removing the dirty water and debris, the longer the solution will remain safe to use. However, as a general rule of thumb, this water must be still cleaned once every two hours when used normally or once every hour when used frequently.



TIPS FOR REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF WATER CHANGES

Water in mop buckets must always be changed when it appears dirty or when the bucket has been in use for longer than the recommended time.

However, there are many things cleaners can do to reduce the frequency of water changes. They include:

- Dry mopping before wet mopping to remove debris
- Using microfibre mop solutions to trap pathogens better to avoid water contamination
- Mop frequently to reduce the dirt, debris and pathogens on the floor
- Ensure the mop bucket is also cleaned when water is changed to prevent it from dirtying quicker
- Avoid soaking mops in mop buckets when they aren't in use as mops may release excess dirt, debris or pathogens, which allows bacteria to build up.

COMMON MOPPING BUCKET PROBLEMS

Mopping problems can cause HAIs, severe virus outbreaks and issues with cleanliness. Identifying these problems is the first step to avoiding them. They include:



**Infrequent
water changes**



**Not cleaning
mop buckets**



**Using the same
bucket for dirty
and clean water**

WHICH BUSINESSES NEED TO CHANGE THEIR MOP BUCKETS MORE FREQUENTLY?

All businesses need to be mindful of how often they are changing their mop buckets. This is because it is one of the number one ways to avoid infections on-premises.

However, some businesses will need to be more mindful of others, mostly because they need to mop their floors more frequently. Examples of these would be hospitality businesses or healthcare businesses.

Though, the general rule still follows for cleaning companies designated to mop a high-rise office block once a week, for example.

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