



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



24.121.1511 SANITIZING AND DISINFECTING

- (1) All implements, equipment, and electrical instruments must be thoroughly cleaned and subjected to approved sanitizing and disinfecting processes per this rule.
- (2) Containers must be large enough to completely cover all implements with sanitizing and disinfecting agents.
- (3) After removing all debris, implements must be thoroughly washed in clean water and detergent and rinsed in clean water.
- (4) All equipment and implements must be cleaned and disinfected by complete immersion in an EPA-registered, bactericidal, virucidal, and fungicidal disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions.
- (5) All nonimmersible equipment must be sanitized with one of the following:
 - (a) detergent solutions;
 - (b) alcohol used at 70 percent or higher strength may be used as a sanitizer with a minimum of 20 minutes contact time;
 - (c) standard industry disinfectant; or
 - (d) chlorine compounds, hypochlorited in liquid or powder form (household bleach), may be used as a sanitizing agent at one part per 100 concentration with a five-minute contact time.
- (6) After sanitizing and disinfecting, implements must be stored in clean, disinfected, dry, covered containers, separate from used or soiled implements.
- (7) Electrical equipment, whether professional or consumer designed, providing circulating, whirlpool, or vacuum effects shall be:
 - (a) cleaned and disinfected after each use; and
 - (b) flushed, cleaned, and disinfected on a regular basis. The licensee must maintain detailed cleaning documentation.
- (8) In addition to the above requirements, the following applies to electrology:
 - (a) chair and table headrests must be covered with a single use protective covering;
 - (b) before each use, electrolysis tweezers and other nondisposable implements must be cleansed with warm water and soap, rinsed thoroughly, placed into an ultrasonic cleanser or chemical sterilant presoak, and sterilized by:

- (i) sterilizing packets with saturated steam, 15 PSI, and 250°F for 30 minutes; or
 - (ii) sterilizing packets with dry heat lab oven, 340°F for 60 minutes;
- (c) equipment for steam or dry heat methods must be checked weekly to ensure functionality and reaching required temperature;
- (d) licensees must maintain records consisting of date and sterile packet strip; and
- (e) licensees must utilize outside biological monitors quarterly to ensure proper mechanical function of sterilizers and maintain records of the results.
- (9) Sanding bands used on electric file mandrels are single use and must be discarded after one use.
- (10) Metal bits for electric files must be properly sanitized and disinfected after each client.
- (11) Paraffin treatments must be administered by a single service or sanitized method of application to avoid cross contamination.
- (12) Foot bath basins must be sanitized and disinfected after each use.
 - (a) All screens, tubing, other removable parts, and the areas behind each must be done at the end of each business day.
- (13) Cloth towels and other linens must be laundered before each use.
- (14) Single service items must be used once and disposed of after use.

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