

# Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol

## **Remove all grossly visible debris.**

The presence of gross contamination or organic material, especially feces, will inactivate most disinfectants.

## **Wash the area or item with water and detergent.**

## **Thoroughly rinse the cleaned area to remove any detergent residue.**

Some disinfectants may be inactivated by detergents; therefore, it is very important to rinse well after washing the area or item.

## **Allow the area or item to dry completely.**

## **Select and apply an appropriate, effective disinfectant.**

## **Allow the proper contact time!**

This is one of the most overlooked steps!!  
Contact time may vary depending on the disinfectant selected, but is usually at least 10 minutes. Consult the product label.

**Some disinfectants, or the surfaces they contact, should be rinsed and the area or item allowed to dry.  
Read the product label.**

**It is a violation of federal law to use a disinfectant in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.**