

WIPING CLOTHS IN FOOD SERVICE

3-304.14 Wiping Cloths, Use Limitation

A) Cloths in-use for wiping spills from tableware and carry-out containers, that occur as food is being served, shall be maintained dry and used for no other purpose.

B) Cloths in-use for wiping counters and other equipment surfaces shall be held between uses in a chemical sanitizer solution at a concentration specified under Section 4-501.114 (See Code for charts on Concentration Range, Minimum Temperature, and pH levels for chlorine, iodine and quaternary ammonium compound solutions.)^P and laundered daily as specified under 4-802.11(D) as below.

C) Cloths in-use for wiping surfaces in contact with raw animal foods shall be kept separate from cloths used for other purposes.

D) Dry wiping cloths and the chemical sanitizing solutions specified in Subparagraph (B) of this section, in which wet wiping cloths are held between uses, shall be free of food debris and visible soil.

E) Containers of chemical sanitizing solutions specified in subparagraph (B) of this section in which wet wiping cloths are held between uses shall be stored off the floor and used in a manner that prevents contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, single-service, or single-use articles.

F) Single-use disposable sanitizer wipes shall be used in accordance with EPA-approved manufacturer's label use instructions. Be careful of the sanitizer strength!

4-301.15 Clothes Washers and Dryers

(B) If on-premises laundering is limited to wiping cloths intended to be used moist, or wiping cloths are air-dried as specified under Section 4-901.12, a mechanical clothes washer and dryer need not be provided.

4-802.11 Specifications

(D) Wet wiping cloths shall be laundered daily.

(E) Dry wiping cloths shall be laundered as necessary to prevent contamination of food and clean serving utensils.

4-901.12 Wiping Cloths, Air-Drying Locations

Wiping cloths laundered in a food establishment that does not have a mechanical clothes dryer as specified in section 4-301.15(B) shall be air-dried in a location and in a manner that prevents contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles and the wiping cloths. This section does not apply if wiping cloths are stored after laundering in a sanitizing solution as specified under section 4-501.114.