

Table Cleaning Procedures

Eating surfaces should be kept clean to avoid the spread of disease, and cleaning products must be used appropriately to ensure children's safety and effectiveness.

ECERS Aligned Products for Table Cleaning

- Soap and water: mix one-quart water and a capful of soap, or $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of soap per one gallon of water; put in a spray bottle.
- Bleach solution: mix one-quart water and a capful of bleach, or $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of bleach per one gallon of water; put in a spray bottle.
 - Or EPA approved sanitizer: check the label for this designation and proper procedure.

Bleach/water solutions and EPA cleaning products should be kept out of reach of children at all times.

Table Cleaning Procedures, as outlined in the All About the ECERS-3 (pp. 93-94) to be followed every time before children eat.

Wipe Down

- Wipe down tables with the soap/water mix to remove visible soil
- Dry each table with a different disposable towel

Sanitize

- Spray surface with bleach/water solution
- Air dry for at least 10 seconds
- Wipe with a disposable towel, or allow to completely air dry (2 minutes ideal to kill germs)
- Alternative: use an EPA approved product and follow the procedures described on the container's label

Store Product

- Put products away so that children cannot reach them