

HOW TO SANITIZE VS DISINFECT

SANITIZING

Sanitizers kill bacteria and should be used on food-contact surfaces like dishes, cutting boards, food prep tables, etc.



To use sanitizer:

1. Verify that the chemical is safe for food-contact surfaces.
2. Clean dirt and grime off the surface with soap.
3. Prepare and apply sanitizer according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Source: FDA

DISINFECTING

Disinfectants kill bacteria and viruses and should be used on non-food-contact surfaces like doorknobs, display cases, etc.



To use disinfectant:

1. Verify that the chemical is EPA-approved.
2. Clean dirt and grime off the surface with soap.
3. Wear gloves and apply disinfectant according to the manufacturer's instructions. Wash hands after use.

Source: EPA