

Combating COVID-19: Product Labels & Dwell Time



Cleaning: we all know cleaning involves more than water. It involves cleaning products designed to kill bacteria and viruses. Many disinfectants kill 99% of "germs" and are great products when used correctly. Unfortunately to use correctly, many of these products have a dwell time of 10 minutes or longer.

What is dwell time? **Dwell time (or contact time)**, refers to the amount of **time** that a disinfecting product needs to sit (or **dwell**) on a surface in order to kill organisms. Just spraying and wiping doesn't give the chemical the time it needs to kill 99% of bacteria. To get 100% of stated results, products need to be used as directed.

It's important to know the difference between cleaning and disinfecting. It is also important to do your best, but any effort can be helpful as we all battle Covid-19.

It is very important to familiarize yourself with the key elements of any product you are using. *"It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling."* Know your products. Cleaning, when done properly, is one of the best ways to protect your business and home from the spread of bacteria and viruses. Knowing what to do and when to call trained professionals are also key.

Understanding product labels. There are 6 key parts of products labels.

1. Safety – for yourself and others
2. Protection – of the surface(s) you're cleaning and your working environment
3. Using the correct amount of chemical to get the job done – no more, no less
4. Proper application of the chemical you're using
5. In the case of disinfectants and sanitizers, understanding which germs the product kills, and what dwell times are needed for effectiveness
6. Understanding First Aid procedures in case of an accident

To learn more about the products used home or business. Visit www.smartlabel.org/products

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