

CLEANING PRODUCTS FOR NON-LABORATORY SPACES

The following is based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and is recommended for cleaning and disinfecting non-laboratory spaces at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PRODUCTS

- The University recommends that departments or units purchase EPA-registered disinfectants such as single-use disinfectant wipes and pre-mixed multisurface spray cleaners.
- Using products that require dilution is not recommended; rather, utilize ready to use products.
- Always use cleaning products as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Bleach or cleaning products that contain bleach are not recommended for cleaning non-laboratory spaces at UMB. Bleach can produce strong, irritating odors and will permanently discolor fabric, including your clothing.
- Consider the use of alcohol-based wipes or non-bleach spray products with the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- If the product will be used on surfaces where people eat, prepare, or serve food, please make sure the product is also food-safe.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING SAFETY

- Always read and follow the manufacturer's directions to ensure safe and effective use.
- Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect.
- Wear eye protection when using a spray bottle to apply disinfectant.
- Always wash your hands after cleaning and disinfecting.
- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Use no more than the amount recommended on the label.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) REQUIRED FOR CLEANING PRODUCTS

Product	Required PPE
Cleaning wipes	Gloves
Spray cleaner	Gloves and eye protection

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