

Sterile Processing Service (SPS) Area Cleaning Information

1. Equipment

- Automatic scrubber
- Double-bucket mopping system or micro-fiber mopping system
- Vacuum (HEPA preferred)
- Ladder
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – Gloves, Goggles, Gown, Mask, Booties
- Wet vacuum

Note: SPS has dedicated equipment assigned to area.

2. Cleaning Products

- EPA-registered hospital disinfectant
- Non-abrasive cleaner

3. Supplies

- Clear and bio-hazard bags (all sizes)
- Hand mop or polishing cloth
- Paper and soap products
- Plastic bucket
- Wet Floor/Caution signs
- Wiping cloths

4. Procedures

a. General Cleaning:

1. Clean offices and conference room in accordance with standard operating procedure.
2. Dress out in personal protective equipment and proceed to clean the Sterile Storage area. This area is to be wet mopped utilizing the double-bucket system. No areas in SPS are to be dust mopped.
3. Proceed to decontamination area or to the processing area, depending on where SPS technicians are working. If you are unsure which area to clean first, consult the SPS supervisor.

b. Cleaning Processing Area:

1. All waste will be removed and treated as contaminated, but **not** as regulated waste. Receptacles will be cleaned, using power sprayer located in the cart washing area, if one is available.
2. Vacuum and wet mop fatigue mats.
3. Hook up automatic scrubber and add recommended amount of EPA-registered hospital disinfectant to tank. Roll up fatigue mats, pick up and move to enable flooding and scrubbing with automatic scrubber. Move SPS carts as needed to accomplish job.

***Note:** Saturate floors thoroughly with EPA-registered hospital disinfectant. Be careful not to splash solution on equipment or wall surfaces. Use wet vacuum to pick up solution.*

4. Clean and return all equipment to SPS housekeeping aide closet. Place all soiled wiping cloths and mop heads in plastic bags for transport to laundry.
5. Wall washing will be scheduled periodically through SPS chief. See SPS chief for any special instructions before beginning assignment.
6. Floor maintenance will be scheduled periodically through SPS chief. See SPS chief for any special instructions before beginning assignment.

c. Cleaning Decontamination Area:

Note: *Equipment used in Decontamination area cannot be used in Processing area.*

1. Hair covering and shoe covers are required to be worn.
2. The bathrooms and employees' lounge located in the area will be cleaned before cleaning Decontamination work area. Mop water and mop head must be changed before cleaning Decontamination area.
3. All waste will be removed and segregated. Place Regulated Medical Waste in appropriate container, and take to proper location. Receptacles will be cleaned using power sprayer located in the cart washing area.
4. Vacuum and wet mop fatigue mats.
5. Hook up automatic scrubber, and add proper amount of EPA-registered hospital disinfectant to tank. Roll up fatigue mats, pick up and move to enable flooding and scrubbing with automatic scrubber. Move SPS carts as needed to accomplish job.

Note: *Saturate floors thoroughly with EPA-registered hospital disinfectant. Be careful not to splash solution on equipment or wall surfaces. Use wet vacuum to pick up solution.*

6. Clean and return all equipment to housekeeping aide closet.