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## SUGGESTED CLEANING AND DISINFECTING FOR WHIRLPOOL FOOTSPAS

### After Each Client:

1. Drain the water from the foot spa basin or bowl and remove any visible debris.
  2. Clean the surfaces of the foot spa with soap or detergent, rinse with clean water, and drain.
  3. After cleaning, disinfect the surfaces with an \*EPA-registered hospital disinfectant according to the manufacturer's directions on the label. Surfaces must remain wet with the disinfectant for 10 minutes or the time stated on the label, which may be shorter.
  4. Clean screen and filter(s).
  5. After disinfection, drain and rinse with clean water.
- **For whirlpool foot spas, air-jet basins, "pipe-less" foot spas, and other circulating spas:**
    1. It is best to disinfect by filling the basin with clean water, adding the appropriate amount of liquid disinfectant, and turning the unit on to circulate the disinfectant for the entire contact time.
    2. After disinfection, drain and rinse with clean water.

### Nightly:

- **For whirlpool foot spas, air-jet basins, "pipe-less" foot spas, and other circulating spas:**
  1. Remove the filter screen, inlet jets, and all other removable parts from the basin and clean out any debris trapped behind or in them.
  2. Using a brush, scrub these parts with soap or disinfectant (following cleaning directions).
  3. Rinse the removed parts with clean water and place them back into the basin apparatus.
  4. Fill the basin with clean water and add an EPA-registered hospital disinfectant, following label directions. Turn the unit on and circulate the system with the liquid for 10 minutes, or the label-indicated time if different. (The whirlpool mechanism of the tub must be operating for the entire disinfection period so the piping and internal components that contain hidden bacteria are disinfected.)
  5. After disinfection, drain, rinse, and air dry.
- **For simple basins (no circulation):**
  1. Drain the basin and remove any visible debris.
  2. Scrub the bowl with a clean brush and soap or disinfectant (following cleaning directions). Rinse and drain.
  3. Disinfect basin surfaces with an EPA-registered hospital disinfectant, following manufacturer's instructions. Surfaces must remain wet with the disinfectant for 10 minutes or the contact time stated on the label.
  4. Drain the basin, rinse with clean water, and let air-dry.

**\*EPA-registered hospital disinfectant is a product containing bactericidal, fungicidal and virucidal agents with the ability to kill bacteria, fungus and viruses and must be used according to manufacturers' directions.**