



Start Clean Stay Clean

# Manual Wet Mopping

# Wet Mopping Basics



- Place **wet floor signage** where clearly visible from all traffic approaches. Barricade or cordon off area if possible.
- **Remove all obstacles** to mopping possible.
- **Sweep**, vacuum or dust mop in preparation.
- **Put on PPE**, personal protective equipment.
  - Look at the HMIS diamond on chemistry to be used. For a guide to matching PPE with the HMIS, consult [www.purozone.com](http://www.purozone.com). Go to the MSDS link at the top menu.
- Use a divided mop bucket or two buckets. One must have a wringer. Pour the proper working solution into the **clean** area or bucket. If you mix in the bucket, follow manufacturer mixing directions carefully and accurately by measuring both the solution and the water used.
- For rinsing the mop and wringing out, use the **dirty** area of the divided bucket or the second bucket filled 2/3 full of clear water.
- Select the **right mop and handle** for the job.
  - See [www.goldenstar.com](http://www.goldenstar.com) for a good guide to mop selection.
- Dip the mop carefully in the clean solution, and use the wringer. Mop should be wet, not dripping.\* Start working from the farthest corner of the area to be cleaned.
- **Apply floor cleaner solution to floor.** An excellent choice is PUR-O-ZONE Bond-Ayd™ neutral floor cleaner mixed 2 oz. per gallon of working solution.



■ Move mop back and forth, left to right, in a figure-eight motion. Move back one step with each left-to-right motion. Keep mop handle tipped toward you at about 20 degrees from straight up.

■ If disinfecting, leave the mopping solution on the surface damp for the manufacturer's "dwell time."

■ If cleaning, leave the surface damp for at least three to five minutes for the solution to emulsify soil.

*\*Alternative method – Flood tile or resilient floors with working solution and spread with your mop. Use this method only if no damage will occur to walls or items on floor.*

- **When mopping:**
  - When the mop accumulates soil, or has a dull cast, rinse in the dirty water bucket or area of your divided bucket. Plunge up and down carefully three times so the mop is well agitated but such that no solution spills.
  - Wring out the mop into the dirty solution area or bucket.
  - Apply more working solution from the clean bucket or area.
  - Mop sides of hallways first, then the center.
  - Avoid strings running up on baseboards and walls.
- Once the solution has been applied completely, and dwell times met, **repeat the process with clear rinse water.**
  - Check chemistry instructions. Some may call for the working solution to dry before rinsing. **Letting the solution dry completely can prevent slipping while rinsing the area.**
  - **Change rinse water when it becomes dull.** Clear rinse water is critical to a good job.
  - Do not let the working solution dry for more than 15 minutes before rinsing. Divide working areas if necessary.
- **Clean mops well** after use. Cleaning is critical to achieving maximum mop life. Consult [www.goldenstar.com](http://www.goldenstar.com) for washing guidelines for all types of mops. Launder using mop manufacturer instructions. Some are on mop tags.
- **Rinse equipment** well and put away in storage area.
- After floor is completely dry, **remove wet floor signs** and any barricades.
- Repetitive motions – Rest briefly if muscles become tight, tender or sore. **Perform brief, gentle stretching of muscle groups periodically** to help them release and relax.

