

Preventing COVID-19 in Nursing Homes Housekeeping Cart, Supplies and Setup

Housekeeping Cart

- Carts should be lightweight, easy to steer, and easy to be cleaned
- The cart should have enough space to store all cleaning supplies for a shift
- Dedicate time to organize and stock the cart



Housekeeping Cart Inventory

- It is important that all supplies and chemicals are ready to use
- Use the table below to ensure supplies are stocked:

Supplies		
Cleaning Cloths	Alcohol-based Hand Sanitizer	
Disinfectant Bin	Surgical Masks	
Wet Mop Bucket & Handle	Face Shield	
Wet Mop Heads	Disposable Gloves	
Dust Mop Handle	Paper Towels	
Dust Mop Heads	Trash Bags	
Dust Broom & Pan	Toilet Brush and Holder	
High Duster	Toilet Paper	
Soiled Linen Bag	Safety Goggles (for filling	
	chemicals bottles)	

Chemicals	
Commercial-grade Disinfectant	
Neutral Floor Cleaner	
Glass Cleaner	
Lime Scale Remover	
Bleach Wipes (for Contact Precaution rooms)	
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	

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Housekeeping Cart Preparation and Setup

• Use the table below to set up the housekeeping cart

Top of Cart	Inside Cart	Front Deck
Disinfectant Bin	Disinfectant Refill Bottles	Wet Mop Bucket and Handle
Pumice Stick	Additional Cleaning Cloths	Dust Mop Handle
Surgical Masks	Mop Heads (Dry and Wet)	Dust Broom & Pan
Alcohol Based Hand Sanitizer	Bleach Wipes	High Duster
Face Shield	Glass Cleaner	Toilet Brush & Holder
Disposable Gloves	Lime Scale Remover	Soiled Linen Bag
	Paper Towels	Trash Bag
	Toilet Paper	
	Trash Bin Liner Refills	

- At the end of every shift, remove supplies and disinfect each cart
 - \circ Even though the carts carry disinfectant, it doesn't mean the cart is clean
 - Remember carts move all over the nursing home, so disinfect it prior to use
 - Wipe down inside and outside of cart with a saturated disinfectant cloth
- Once cleaned, load cart with supplies and chemicals needed for the next shift

Housekeeping Cart Dos and Don'ts

DO	<u>DON'T</u>
 Clean your cart after your shift Keep surgical masks, gloves, face shield and alcohol-based hand sanitizer available on cart for use as needed to clean hands and protect against splash or spray Wear safety goggles or a face shield when filling up buckets/bins with chemicals Clean bottles and bins when visibly soiled 	 Do NOT store personal items or food on or inside of cart Do NOT leave cart unattended during your shift, unless locked and stored Do NOT push cart into resident rooms Do NOT combine clean and soiled items

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