Care and Cleaning Instructions for Write & Wipe Surfaces

Before Your First Use

- Wipe the surface with a soft, clean, moist cloth.
- Wipe the surface dry.

General Cleaning

- Use a soft cloth, microfiber cloth, soft sponge, or similar material to clean the surface.
- To remove most marks from the table, a light soap water mixture (four cups of water and one tablespoon of dish soap) is recommended. Keep the solution in a spray bottle for cleaning the table as needed.
- When cleaning, press firmly and move in circular patterns.
- For tough stains, use whiteboard cleaner.
- Thoroughly remove all cleaning residue with a clean, dry cloth.
- **Note:** Using certain cleaners may cause residue buildup and damage the dry-erase surface. A water/soap solution or whiteboard cleaner is recommended. If you have concerns about the cleaning product you are using, spot-test a small area of the tabletop first.

Helpful Tips

- Spray stubborn tape, glue or crayon marks with soapy water or whiteboard cleaner and let it sit for 10 seconds. Then rub the area with a soft cloth until the tape/glue marks are gone.
- For any permanent marker that may get on tables, remove it by coloring over the marking with a dry-erase marker.
  - If the mark remains, apply rubbing alcohol to a clean, dry cloth and rub the mark away.
- We recommend the Honest brand surface cleaner. The Honest Brand cleaner along with the baby wipes and Myers cleaner cleans off marker, pencil, colored pencil and pen marks easily with paper towels, towels or sponges.
  - We’ve had the best results removing crayon marks by spraying with the cleaner and letting it sit for a minute, then using the rough (scrubbing) side of a dish sponge.

Caution

- Do not clean the surface with scouring pads, the rough side of sponges, or harsh cleaners. Abrasive cleaners like these will compromise the write & wipe surface.
- Do not use sharp instruments or metallic objects (e.g., scissors, metallic magnets, metallic water bottles, knives, diamond rings, etc.) on the surface.
- If you must use a sharp instrument, protect the write & wipe surface by covering it with construction paper or a similar type of mat.
Cleaning Recommendations

Per CDC guidelines the most effective process in achieving the best outcome is to perform the below two steps. It’s important to note, that cleaning does not take the place of disinfecting and vice versa.

Step 1 - Cleaning Product

CDC suggests if item/surface is dirty, clean it first with soap and water. This is to remove any dirt, dust, etc. on the item and should be done before disinfecting.

Note: We do not suggest any specific brands of soap. If the you are unsure of the kind of soap to use, you may to use an EPA-approved cleaning spray to CLEAN surfaces. To identify if a product is certified by the EPA, the EPA registration number will be listed on the product label (see below example) NOTE: there is not a web link to all EPA registered cleaning products.

Step 2 - Disinfecting Product

Killing bacteria/COVID-19 virus

A water and bleach solution (5 tablespoons bleach per gallon of water) is one recommendation/suggestion from the CDC. This is what we currently recommend and use in our own onsite child care center for wood, plastic and laminate surfaces.

CDC also suggests using an EPA-registered household disinfectant that has been qualified for use against COVID-19 as another option. Here is the link to the list: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2 . Please note if using one of these disinfectants, make sure the product is appropriate for the surface it is being used on.

The dwell time (how long product needs to remain on surface to kill germ) varies from product to product.

- CDC suggests at least 1 minute for bleach solution.
- CDC suggest to follow product instructions on label for EPA-registered products.

Things to note:

- When choosing a disinfectant, make sure that the product is appropriate for the surface (e.g., wood).
- If using the bleach solution, we recommend using a spray bottle to apply.
- Wood surfaces should be thoroughly wiped and dried immediately after the recommended dwell time has lapsed. This will help prevent warping and varnish damage.
- Increased frequency of cleaning can cause items to wear at a faster rate. Although, our products are intended for institutional use and regular cleaning. Rigorous and increased frequent cleaning can affect the surface quality of items over time.