



Shire of Denmark

953 South Coast Highway (PO Box 183), Denmark WA 6333

Ph: (08) 9848 0300 Fax: (08) 9848 1985

Email: enquiries@denmark.wa.gov.au

Website: www.denmark.wa.gov.au

No Rinse Sanitisers

What is a sanitiser?

A sanitiser is a chemical agent designed to kill bacteria and other microorganisms. Whilst a sanitiser does not guarantee that a surface is free from germs it is an important part of the cleaning process and can bring bacterial numbers down to an acceptable level.

Do I have to use a sanitiser?

Health Regulations require that you use a sanitising process to clean food preparation equipment, surfaces that contact food and eating / drinking containers. Sanitisation can be achieved using the following:

- A sanitiser as per the manufacturers instructions
- Hot water at 77°C or above for 30 seconds

Are there different types of sanitiser?

Yes, sanitisers can be conveniently grouped;

according to how they are used;

- Those that require rinsing
- Those that do not require rinsing
(remember – “No-Rinse” sanitisers – which are always clearly labeled as such, reduce your work load by 50%)

and what their active ingredient is;

- QAC's (quaternary ammonium compounds)
- Chlorine release agents (hypochlorites)
- Iodophors (iodine compounds)
- Chlorine dioxide

Note: the chemical names listed above are the active ingredients and not the product name. The active ingredient should always be listed on the label.

When should I sanitise?

- Before food preparation begins
- Between preparation of raw food and cooked food if the same surface is being used
- After food preparation is finished for the day and cleaning has been carried out

What about small businesses like Deli's and Lunch Bars?

Many suppliers can provide small quantities (5 litres) of concentrated sanitiser (produces 1000 litres of sanitising solution) at a cost effective price.

Can I buy sanitisers from the supermarket?

“No rinse” sanitisers suitable for use in commercial premises are not available from the supermarket.

It is recommended that you obtain a Material Safety Data Sheet on the sanitiser from the distributor.