



What Infection Preventionists Need to Know About Preparing & Setting Up a Cleaning Cart



Infection Preventionists should monitor cleaning cart use by environmental services (EVS) staff.

- Consider safety, efficiency, and convenience
 - Staff should be familiar with precautions, cleaning tools, products, and cart
 - Staff should wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Separate clean from dirty
 - Staff should perform hand hygiene and put on clean gloves before touching clean items on cart
 - Items that are dirty should not be placed near clean areas or items on cart
- Store items in the appropriate area of the cart (top, inside, outside)



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Best Practices for EVS Cleaning Carts

- Stock enough resident room supplies and sufficient microfiber cleaning cloths so they can be changed when soiled
- Ensure alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) is accessible
- Use buckets or bins for disinfectant solution
- Use microfiber mops
- Separate clean and soiled items
- Keep a reference list of high-touch surfaces on the cart
- Have a lockable compartment
- Store in a designated EVS area

