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OREGON HEALTH DIVISION INFORMATION BULLETIN



INTERPRETATION MANUAL

TRAVELERS' ACCOMMODATIONS / ICE BUCKETS / CLEANING

QUESTION:

Is it permissible to clean and sanitize multi-use ice buckets in guest rooms? What about multi-use utensils such as glasses, cups and coffee makers.

BACKGROUND:

Lodging industry housekeeping staff sometimes washes and rinses ice buckets in guest rooms between occupancies. In many instances, after washing and rinsing, housekeeping staff may spray the buckets with some type of cleaner or disinfectant and wipe them dry. Spray cleaners and disinfectants observed in use, range from food-grade sanitizers to products such as Pine-Sol, 409, tub and tile cleaner, toilet bowl cleaners and disinfectants, and other similar potentially toxic chemicals.

Since the primary use of an ice bucket is to store ice (i.e. food) used for human consumption, it is reasonable that such utensils be effectively cleaned and sanitized between occupancies.

POLICY / INTERPRETATION:

All multi-use utensils in transient guest rooms shall be cleaned and sanitized, using approved methods, between each occupancy. Approved methods include, manually washing, rinsing and sanitizing in an approved three compartment sink with drain boards on each end, or in a commercial dishwashing machine designed to provide chemical or hot water sanitizing (OAR 333-150-0000 section 4-602.11).

The cleaning of multi-use ice buckets in guest rooms is discouraged. Whenever possible, multi-use ice buckets should be cleaned and sanitized in an approved manner. **In cases where approved methods are impractical or onerous, single-use ice buckets should be provided and replaced after each occupancy, or come clean and sealed in a protective wrap. The ice bucket is replaced if the seal is broken.** If the use of single-use ice buckets is impractical or onerous, **multi-use ice buckets may be cleaned, rinsed and spray sanitized in guest rooms, with a food-grade sanitizer, provided they are air dried or wiped dry with a single-service towel and a single-service plastic liner is provided for each bucket.**