

Toy Cleaning using Bleach solutions

What you need:

- 1) Container of standard household bleach concentrate (Clorox or equivalent)
- 2) Mixing bucket or pail (3 Gallon or larger, depending upon size of toys)
- 3) Chlorine test strip kit (Global Sensors AQA1627 Chlorine Test Kit-www.global-sensors.com)

Make up a solution by putting about one ounce of bleach into tap water at room temperature

Test with strip to be sure that the solution is at least 50ppm (but not as high as 100ppm). If the solution is below 50ppm, add some drops of bleach...if above, dilute with water.

Toys with hard surfaces: soak for 1 minute, rinse with water and dry.

Soft toys: use a slightly damp sponge (damped with 50ppm solution) to wipe the surface with solution, wait 1 minute, then wipe with slightly damp sponge (damped with water) and air dry. Always keep sponges separate and rinse thoroughly when done.

If the toys smell of chlorine, they need to be re-rinsed or dried longer.

If possible, store solutions overnight in a closed container (jug with a screw cap). This keeps the concentration from going down.

Test daily to confirm minimum concentration...certain types of tap water can reduce effectiveness, but the ppm value will tell you if this is happening. If the solution is clearly below 50ppm, it needs to be adjusted.

These guidelines are suggestions only. Contact your local county health officer for additional information.