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WAC 170-295-5060**How must I store maintenance and janitorial supplies?**

- You must provide safe storage for flammable and combustible liquids and chemicals used for maintenance purposes and operation of equipment. They must be in a location designed to prevent child access at all times. The liquids and chemicals must be:
 - Stored in original containers or in department approved safety containers that identify contents
 - Stored to comply with fire safety regulations adopted by the state fire marshal's office, and
 - Ventilated either by mechanical ventilation to the outdoors or through a window that opens on the exterior wall.
- Your janitorial or housekeeping storage must have:
 - Floor surfaces that are moisture impervious and easily cleanable
 - A designated utility or service sink for disposing of wastewater, and
 - A place for mop storage that is ventilated to the outside.

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It is very important to store chemical and other maintenance or janitorial supplies safely. Flammable materials and other chemicals need to be stored in a way that complies with fire safety regulations. Flammable or combustible liquids and chemicals need to be stored in an area that is ventilated to the outside by a fan or an exterior window. Cleaning supplies and other toxic substances must be stored separate from food items and not above any areas where food is stored, prepared, or served. It is very important that you read the labels on those items to ensure that you are storing them safely and if spilled they would not create a gas or other safety hazard that can harm you, the staff or children in your care. Many local health departments have hazardous and environmental hazard experts that can assist you if you have questions.

Mops and housekeeping supplies must be stored in an area that is vented (either by an exhaust fan or an external window) to the outside. The floor of your housekeeping storage area must be moisture-proof and easy to clean. A mop sink or utility sink to help with cleaning and disposing of dirty mop water must be available (if you do not have a utility or service sink, refer to WAC 170-295-5080 for an explanation of how to dispose of the mop water). Mops must be hung up to dry.

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WAC 170-295-5070**How do I make sure my water is safe?**

- You must have hot and cold running water
- You must have hot water that is accessible to children to be between 85 degrees Fahrenheit and 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- To be sure your water is safe for drinking, cleaning, cooking and handwashing, you must:
 - Receive drinking water from a public water system approved by and maintained in compliance with either the Department of Health or a local health jurisdiction under chapter 246-290 WAC (Group A systems) or chapter 246-291 WAC (Group B systems), or
 - Have a source of potable water approved for child care center use by the state Department of Health or the local health jurisdiction, and
 - Take any other actions required or requested by the state Department of Health, the local health jurisdiction or the DEL to ensure the safety and reliability of the water supply.
- If your water connection is interrupted or your water source becomes contaminated:
 - A correction must be made within 24 hours or the facility must close until corrections can be made, or
 - The facility must obtain an alternative source of potable water approved by the state Department of Health or local health jurisdiction in an amount adequate to ensure the requirements in this chapter for safe drinking water, handwashing, sanitizing, dishwashing, and cooking are met.

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