



Proper Cleaning and Disinfecting of suction equipment in the home is very important.

The suction machine should be cleaned: **Daily**

The suction catheter should be changed: **Daily**

The tubing should be changed: **Every 7 days**

The filter should be changed: **Every 3 months**

Equipment

- Cleaning Basin
- Vinegar
- Dishwashing soap
- Gloves
- Clean hand towel
- Dirty Suction machine

Procedure

1. Glove and remove full canister, tubing, catheter, and lid from the grey machine holder. **DO NOT WASH THE FILTER** or short clear tube. If the filter has moisture in it discard and replace.



2. Empty contents of canister into toilet or tub drain. Rinse collection reservoir with fresh water and empty again into floor tub drain or toilet.
3. Put canister, tubing, catheter and lid in basin. Fill basin with warm water and soap and scrub equipment.
4. Discard soapy water and rinse equipment well in fresh hot water.



5. Soak equipment in a 1 part vinegar to 2 parts water solution for 60 minutes. If a child has a cold or infection, use a 1 to 1 solution.
6. Rinse with fresh water and leave to air dry on a clean hand towel. If the child is likely to need it before it has air dried, dry with paper towels.



7. Wipe down grey base with damp cloth.
8. Reassemble when dry and test suction machine.

If you have any questions, please call Canuck Place: 604-742-3475

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