

Incubator Cleaning and Disinfecting

1. Disconnect the electrical cord from the outlet to avoid possible electrical shock.
2. A thorough cleaning of the incubator and equipment is essential between hatches. Please clean incubators as soon as possible after the hatch. Heavily soiled areas, such as the wire rack where the eggs were placed, will require a thorough washing and scrubbing with an old brush to remove pieces of egg shell and fecal material.
3. A diluted solution of one teaspoon of household bleach in one gallon of water makes an inexpensive cleaning and disinfecting solution. Do not use more than one teaspoon of bleach per gallon of water. It is not necessary and it is very corrosive. If possible, immerse the wire rack in the bleach solution for about 2 minutes, otherwise just dampen the rack and allow to air dry.
4. Be certain to wash your hands thoroughly after cleaning the incubator or after handling the eggs and chicks.
5. Please return a clean incubator. The 4-H Office will **charge \$50.00 to clean** any incubator that is returned dirty. Thank you for your cooperation helping us maintain the incubators.