How to Mix Bleach (Chlorine) Solution

For Sanitizing Food Contact Surfaces

What you will need when making the bleach sanitizing solution



- 1. One Litre container
- 2. Household bleach (no additives)*
- 3. ½ Teaspoon
- 4. Spray bottle labeled "sanitizer"
- 5. Protective equipment: Eye goggles, rubber gloves & apron
- 6. Chlorine test strips

Sanitizing	How to Mix	Solution Strength
Equipment Surfaces	Measure 1 liter (4 cups)	
Food Contact Surfaces e.g. counter tops, bins	of water. Add 2.5 ml or 1/2 teaspoon of household bleach to the water. Mix well and test solution.**	100 ppm chlorine solution
Non Food Contact Surfaces e.g. chairs, tables, stove		

Tips to remember:

- Mix bleach with water only. Never mix bleach with other cleaning products.
- Make a fresh sanitizing solution when you start each day and replace it when needed,
 i.e. if concentration is less than 100 ppm chlorine.
- * Visit Public Health Ontario's online dilution calculator to determine if your solution has the correct ratio of bleach based on the standard 5.25% Sodium hypochlorite https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/health-topics/environmental-occupational-health/water-quality/chlorine-dilution-calculator
 - ** Chlorine test strips can be used to check the strength of bleach solutions
 How to use chlorine test strips:
 - 1. Dip the test strip into the solution to be tested.
 - 2. Remove and compare to the colour chart immediately. The colour of the test strip should indicate at least 100 ppm chlorine.