

**645—63.25(157) Cleaning and disinfecting whirlpool foot spas and hydrotherapy baths.**

**63.25(1)** As used in this rule, “whirlpool foot spa,” “foot spa,” “whirlpool,” or “spa” is defined as any basin using circulating or still water.

**63.25(2)** After use for each patron, each whirlpool foot spa shall be cleaned and disinfected in the following manner:

- a. All water shall be drained and all debris shall be removed from the spa basin.
- b. The spa basin must be cleaned with soap or detergent and water.
- c. The spa basin must be disinfected with an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity which must be used according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- d. The spa basin and hydrotherapy bath must be wiped dry with a clean towel.

**63.25(3)** At the end of each day, each whirlpool foot spa shall be cleaned and disinfected in the following manner:

- a. The screen shall be removed, all debris trapped behind the screen shall be removed, and the screen and the inlet shall be washed with soap or detergent and water.
- b. Before the screen is replaced, it shall be completely immersed in an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity which must be used according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- c. The spa system shall be flushed with low sudsing soap and warm water for at least ten minutes, after which the spa shall be rinsed and drained.

**63.25(4)** Every other week (biweekly), after being cleaned and disinfected as provided in subrule 63.25(3), each whirlpool foot spa and hydrotherapy bath shall be cleaned and disinfected in the following manner:

- a. The spa basin and hydrotherapy bath shall be filled completely with water and one teaspoon of 5.25 percent bleach or recommended whirlpool disinfectant for each one gallon of water, or a solution of sodium hypochlorite (bleach) of approximately 50 ppm used according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- b. The spa or bath system shall be flushed with the bleach or recommended whirlpool disinfectant and water solution, or sodium hypochlorite (bleach) solution, for five to ten minutes and allowed to sit for six to ten hours.
- c. The spa or bath system shall be drained and flushed with water before use for a patron.

**63.25(5)** For each foot spa and hydrotherapy bath, a record shall be made of the date and time of each cleaning and disinfecting as required by subrules 63.25(3) and 63.25(4), and shall indicate whether the cleaning was a daily or biweekly cleaning. This record shall be made at or near the time of cleaning and disinfecting. Records of cleaning and disinfecting shall be made available upon request by a patron, inspector or investigator. The record must be signed by a licensee and include the licensee’s license number beside each recorded cleaning event.

**63.25(6)** A violation of this rule may result in an administrative fine or disciplinary action or both. A separate violation may result for each foot spa and hydrotherapy bath that is not in compliance with this rule.

**63.25(7)** A licensee who provides services related to whirlpool foot spas and hydrotherapy baths shall submit a report to the board within 30 days of any incident in which provision of such services resulted in physical injury requiring medical attention. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in disciplinary action by the board. The report shall include a description of the following:

- a. The procedures;
- b. The physical condition of client;
- c. The adverse occurrence, including:
  - (1) Symptoms of any complications including, but not limited to, onset and type of symptoms;
  - (2) A description of the services provided that caused the situation;
  - (3) A description of the procedure that was followed by the licensee;
  - (4) A description of the client’s condition on termination of any procedures undertaken;

(5) If a client is referred to a physician, a statement providing the physician's name and address if known.