

# News on Footspas

With the increased use of whirlpool footspas to provide pedicure services, it is necessary that all licensees follow the health and safety guidelines for the protection of the consuming public as well for the licensee. In addition, it is equally important that you follow the manufacturer's cleaning instructions for all instruments and equipment.

Please take the time to read the footspa manufacturer's cleaning instructions carefully and ask your manufacturer and/or distributor to show you how to keep them clean. Improperly sanitized instruments/equipment may harbor bacteria that may spread disease or infection to clients and/or operators who come in contact with such equipment.

**Salons using whirlpool pedicure footspas use the following disinfection procedures to ensure proper cleaning and maintenance of the equipment, and to prevent bacterial infection:**

## **BETWEEN EACH CUSTOMER:**

- Drain water and remove all debris from the footspa.
- Clean the surfaces and walls of the footspas with soap or detergent and rinse with clean, clear water.
- Disinfect with an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity used according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Wipe dry with a clean towel.

## **AT THE END OF EACH DAY:**

- Remove the footspa screen. All debris trapped behind the screen of each footspa shall be removed, and the screen and the inlet shall be washed with soap or detergent and water.
- Before replacing the screen, perform one of the following 2 procedures:
  1. Wash the screen with a chlorine bleach solution of 1 teaspoon of 5% chlorine bleach to 1 gallon of water, or
  2. Totally immerse the screen in an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity which must be used according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Flush the system with low sudsing soap and warm water for 10 minutes, then rinse and drain.
- Make a record of the date and time of this cleaning and disinfecting.

## **EVERY WEEK:**

- After following the cleaning procedures for the end of each day, fill the footspa tub (5 gallons) with water and 4 teaspoons of 5% bleach solution (a dose of 50 parts per million).
- Circulate the solution through the footspa system for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Let the solution sit overnight (at least 6-10 hours).
- The following morning (before the first customer), drain and flush the system.
- Make a record of the date and time of this cleaning and disinfecting.