

Standard Operating Procedures

#AU 0020: Animal Facility Cleaning and Sanitation

Preamble: it is preferable that all cleaning and sanitation is done by Animal Caretakers, who are most familiar with the special requirements of housed animals.

Materials:

OxiClean powder
Spray bottle
Mop, pail, broom, dustpan, paper towel

Daily

- Sweep rooms
- Wipe surfaces with environmentally-friendly cleaning products
- Remove garbage bag from main control room and place outside Animal Facility for pickup (if nec.)
- Use only the biohazard waste bin for animal waste (discarded food, blood collection items, waste materials (e.g., cage lining/bedding))

Weekly

- Mop rooms
- Flush drains
- Clean and sanitize sinks
- Seal biohazard garbage bag and transport biohazard bin (containing bag) to autoclave (this should be done the same day as the weekly cage cleaning so that waste materials are not left in any room)

Monthly

- Wipe door frames, door tops, and anywhere else that dust/dirt can settle

Bi-annually

- Remove everything from room (if possible) and wash walls