



# TOWN OF HALIFAX COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## Board of Health

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## Pedicure Regulations

### I Purpose:

There have been outbreaks of disease caused by contaminated whirlpool foot spas when they had not been properly sanitized. The Halifax Board of Health has determined that it is necessary to require regulations, above and beyond what the Massachusetts Board of Cosmetology requires pertaining to the proper cleaning and sanitizing of pedicure basins and whirlpool foot spas in order to protect the public health.

### II Authority:

The Town of Halifax Board of Health adopts the following regulation pursuant to authorization granted by M.G.L. s.31 and s.122 and the State's Sanitary Code. Also, M.G.L. c. 111 s.31 is an unusually broad grant of authority, empowering boards of health to adopt reasonable health regulations. The power of boards of health to adopt regulations under section 31 is extensive and provides a comprehensive, separate, additional source of authority for health regulations (Benes et. al.1995).

### III Cleaning And Disinfecting Whirlpool Foot spas - Any establishment that provides whirlpool foot spa pedicures must do the following:

(Note: A foot spa is any basin using circulating water.)

#### A. After use by each client:

- 1) Empty all water.
- 2) Remove any debris and residue from the basin.
- 3) Clean the basin with soap or detergent and water.
- 4) Disinfect the basin with an EPA-registered disinfectant used according to manufacturer's instructions.
- 5) Drain and dry the basin with a clean towel.

#### B. At the end of each day:

- 1) Remove the screen and all debris that is trapped behind the screen.
- 2) Clean the screen and the inlet with soap or detergent and water.
- 3) Disinfect the screen by totally immersing (soaking) in an EPA-registered disinfectant used according to manufacturer's instructions. Reinsert the screen.
- 4) Flush the spa system with soap and warm water for at least 10 minutes.

5) Rinse and drain the spa system.

C. Every other week:

- 1) Fill the spa basin completely with water and household bleach (1 teaspoon of 5.25% bleach for each 1 gallon of water), or with a solution of sodium hypochlorite (50 ppm). Use test strips to confirm.
- 2) Flush the spa system with the bleach and water solution (or the sodium hypochlorite solution) for 5 to 10 minutes.
- 3) Soak the spa basin with the bleach and water solution for 6-10 hours.
- 4) Drain the bleach and water solution from the spa system.
- 5) Flush the spa system with clean water before use by a client.
- 6) Keep a record of all cleaning and disinfecting of the foot spa.
- 7) Test strips for confirming the sanitizing solution must be on site at all times.

D. A record shall be made of the date and time of each cleaning and disinfecting as required by subdivisions B. and C., and indicate whether the cleaning was a daily or bi-weekly cleaning. This record shall be made at or near the time of cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning and disinfecting records shall be made available upon request by either a patron or a Board of Health representative.

E. Penalties: A violation of this section may result in a levy of fines of not less than \$100.00, but no more than \$1,000.00. Each foot spa not in compliance with this section may result in a separate violation.

[Note: Effective 1992, under Chapter 111: Section 31 (violation of health regulations) maximum fines increase from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00]

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Severability:

Each provision of this regulation shall be construed as separate to the end that, if any provision, or sentence, clause or phrase thereof, shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of that section and all other sections shall continue in full force and effect.

**Adopted : 12-1-2004 by the Town of Halifax Board of Health**

Signed By:

John DeLano – Chairman

John Weber – Co-Chairman

Jeffrey Anderson – Clerk

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