

## BUCKETS & MOPS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The useful life of cleaning tools and supplies (excluding solutions and cleansers) depends on the quality and design of the products being used, how the products are used and how well the tools are maintained. By following these hints the custodial technician can extend the useful life of many of the tools and supplies used in his/her work.

### BUCKETS

Buckets should be checked before and after each use for cleanliness. Even a slightly dirty bucket will contaminate fresh water or solution.

To save time cleaning the bucket when applying a sealer or finish, put a plastic trash bag (liner) in the bucket, then pour the sealer or finish into the lined bucket. After completing the job, take the plastic bag with the remaining solution out of the bucket and dispose of properly. When a job is completed and the buckets have been cleaned, put them in the storage area upside down. Be sure to put the buckets where people will not trip over them. Wringers should be rinsed thoroughly and wiped dry.



Blended is best for – Laundering

Norshel's Lint-free finish mop is best for laying finish!

Always use a clean mophead when scrubbing, sealing, or applying a finish. Use old mopheads for applying stripping solutions.

### DO'S AND DON'TS FOR MOPHEADS

#### Do...

1. Clean (rinse well or launder) mopheads after each use.
2. Hang mophead to air-dry after each use.
3. Launder mopheads in a synthetic mesh laundry bag.
4. Have a mophead for each procedure (scrubbing, etc.)

#### Do not...

1. Leave mophead in chemicals or cleaning solutions even for short periods of time.
2. Twist the mophead in with wringer since it weakens the fibers when the pressure is applied.
3. Bleach mopheads or use it with a solution with bleach.
4. Wash in water, over 160 degrees F or dry in temperature above 150 degrees F.
5. Put in automatic dryer mopheads may be flammable.

### MOPS

Most synthetic mopheads contain a fiber coating which makes the mop head less absorbent. Also, new cotton mopheads do not absorb as well as they do after some use since their fibers are still coated with natural oils. Therefore, before using a new mop, wash it in soap and tepid water and rinse well.

Mopheads are made of cotton, rayon, or blends of materials. Cotton mopheads are satisfactory for most floor care procedures except finishing, waxing, and/or disinfecting. Rayon mopheads leave little lint, so a rayon mophead is better to use when finishing, waxing, and/or disinfecting a floor than cotton. Since cotton holds more water, it is better for drying and stripping floors.

Cotton is best for – Floor Drying

Rayon is best for – Leaving Less Lint, No Break-in Time, Wetting

