



NOTICE TO LICENSEES

The primary responsibility of the Arizona State Board of Cosmetology (Board) is to protect consumers from harm. The demand for pedicure services is popular and fast growing. With summer approaching, there will be an even greater demand by consumers for this service.

Consequently, the Board would like to remind you that it is critical to follow proper health and safety procedures to protect the well being of you and your clients. The Board cautions you not to sacrifice a clean and safe environment for speed and profit. If you neglect to follow proper health and safety procedures, your clients can contract serious infections for which you will be held accountable.

With the increased use of whirlpool footspas to provide pedicure services, it is necessary that all licensees follow the Board's health and safety laws and regulations. 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 it clean. Improperly sanitized instruments and equipment may harbor bacteria that may spread disease or infection to clients and/or anyone who comes in contact with such equipment.

The Arizona State Board of Cosmetology recommends that each Licensee advise their clients that hair removal from legs be done **AFTER** a pedicure as opposed to before the pedicure (this includes shaving, waxing, and depilatories). We also recommend that 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 all water and remove all foreign matter 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 manufacturer's instructions; and
- Rinse and wipe dry with a clean towel.

AT THE END OF EACH DAY:

- Remove the screen and clean all debris trapped behind the screen for each footspa;
- Wash the screen and inlet with soap or detergent and a chlorine solution (5% chlorine bleach to 1 gallon of water), or wash the screen with soap or detergent and clean, clear water, then totally immerse in an EPA-registered disinfectant with demonstrated bactericidal, fungicidal, and virucidal activity, used according to manufacturer's instructions; and
- Flush the system with low sudsing soap and warm water for 10 minutes then rinse, drain, and let air dry.

The following morning, refill the footspa with clean, clear water.

EVERY WEEK:

- After following the outlined recommended cleaning procedures for the end of each day, fill the footspa tub (5 gallons) with water and 4 teaspoons of 5 percent bleach solution (a dose of 50 parts per million ppm: 0.64 oz.);
- Circulate the solution through the footspa system for 5 to 10 minutes;
- Let the solution sit overnight (at least 6-10 hours); and
- The following morning (before the first customer) drain and flush the system.

In addition to the procedures outlined above, please follow all procedures contained in A.A.C. R4-10-112 that were included with your salon application

The Board would like to remind its licensees, once again, that the health and safety laws and regulations are for the protection of the public as well as for the licensee. These laws and regulations are meant to prevent the spread of disease, infection or other communicable conditions. Establishment owners, managers, and licensees are responsible for ensuring that the health and safety laws and regulations are carefully followed. The Board is promulgating new regulations which will provide specific cleaning guidelines for whirlpool footspas.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the proper disinfection procedures, please contact the Board at (480) 784-4539