

STEPS IN DISHWASHING

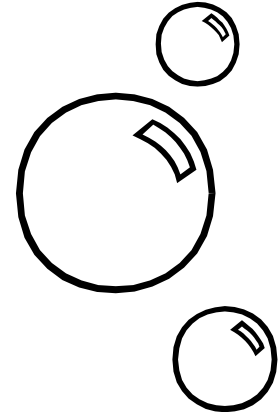
Although using disposable plates, cups, and utensils may seem easier, they cost much more than washing dishes and also increase waste and the amount of trash at your site.

The money saved could be used for program activities or special treats!

Refer to Safety Activity Checkpoints: Group Cooking

MATERIALS

- 3 tubs/dishpans appropriate for the size of your dishes
- Liquid dishwashing detergent
- Liquid chlorine bleach
- Sponge for dishwashing, scrub brush, scraper
- Gloves (optional)
- Plastic bag



PROCESS

1. Scrape all dishes
2. Polish with paper towel until dishes "look" clean
3. **Wash** in warm, soapy water (Very little soap is needed in small wash bins.)
4. **Rinse** in hot, clear water. (Hot is relative to what girls can handle!!)
5. **Sanitize** using 1 Tablespoon liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of tepid water
 - ** Renew bleach after washing 8 sets of dishes
 - ** Careful: even this small amount of bleach will stain clothing
6. Place clean dishes in drip bag
7. Hang on drip line to dry

DISPOSING OF DISHWATER

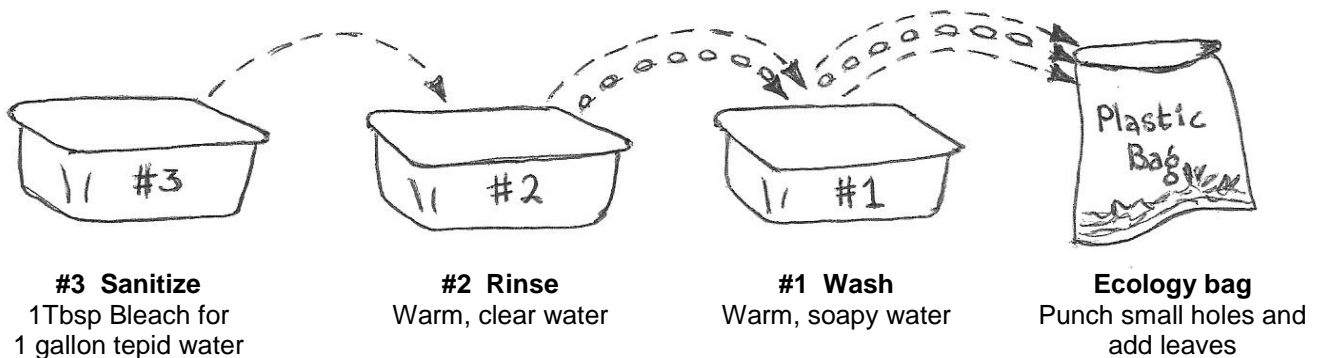
Prepare a filtration bag, aka "Ecology bag," (a plastic bag or other strainer) to collect the garbage, however small, still in the dishwater while the tubs are being emptied

- ◆ Use bag appropriate to size of the dishpan
- ◆ Punch several small holes (fork works well) in a bag; place a small amount of leaves / pine needles in it
- ◆ Drain filtered dishwater many feet away from your unit, water source, and sleeping areas
- ◆ Ecology bag may be used for more than one meal
- ◆ Put drained ecology bag in the trash when departing camp

TO CLEAN DISHWASH TUBS (see diagram below):

1. Empty tub #1 (wash) → Ecology bag
2. Empty tub #2 (rinse) → tub #1; tub #1 → Ecology bag
3. Empty tub #3 (sanitize) → tub #2; tub #2 → tub #1; tub #1 → Ecology bag
4. Allow bins to dry before stacking

WATER DISPOSAL DIAGRAM



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