

# HOW TO PROPERLY CLEAN GOGGLES TO MEET THE REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) STANDARD

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Many salons that are fanatical about “clean” have switched to only selling eyewear, and don’t provide “community” (loaner) eyewear. Unfortunately, it’s very difficult to get goggles truly clean so they don’t spread disease.

Only two states require salons to provide eye protection for FREE: Ohio and Texas.

Salon operators in these states can sanitize loaner goggles following the procedure listed above, or they can choose to give tanners a pair of their own goggles when they begin tanning. OR, the tanner can be given a pair of disposable eye protection with every session. Every state allows tanning salons to sell eye protection, whether they offer shared eyewear or not.

I hope you’ll pick the option that gets your tanners wearing clean eye protection every time they tan! **1st**

If you loan goggles to your tanners, here are the steps required BY LAW for proper sanitation.



**1.** Gloves must be worn while mixing cleaning solution. It’s very strong in concentrated form and can irritate skin. Mix exactly according to directions; too little and you spread pink-eye; too strong and you damage goggles ... or someone’s eyes!



**5.** Rinse in clean running water and dry thoroughly. Residual solution can irritate eyes.



**2.** Test EACH batch of solution with a quaternary strip (must score between 400-700, with 700 being optimum).



**6.** Store in a clean, protected container with a lid to avoid airborne contaminants.



**3.** Scrub goggles to remove all foreign particles before soaking in solution.



**7.** Dispose of solution each night and re-mix fresh each morning; solution must be made AT LEAST every 24 hours. To be prepared for inspector visits, it’s a good idea to keep a log of when solutions are mixed.



**4.** Soak goggles (and elastic straps, if used) for a minimum of 10 minutes.



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