

## Cleaning Instructions for Home Oxygen Equipment

- Concentrator:** Wipe the outside of the cabinet once per week with a damp cloth. Unplug the unit prior to wiping.
- Filter:** Replace the filter in the unit every 4 months and between clients.
- Nasal Cannula:** Wipe the cannula tips every day with a soapy cloth and rinse. Replace every month or more often if cracked, broken or discoloured.
- Oxygen Tubing:** Wipe the outside of the tubing with a damp cloth every week. Do not soak the long tubing in water, as it is very difficult to get all the water out. Replace every 4 months.
- Humidifier Bottle:** Use only when the physician's order is greater than 4 liters/minute. Throw the water out when the water level reaches the refill line on the outside of the bottle. Wash the bottle once every week following the cleaning steps in the Oxygen Masks section. Replace the bottle every month.
- Oxygen Masks:** Wash once a week in warm soapy water following these cleaning steps:
1. Take apart the mask or bottle as much as possible.
  2. Soak all parts in warm soapy water.
  3. Rinse thoroughly in running water.
  4. Soak in a 1-part white vinegar to 3-parts water solution for 20 minutes, rinse thoroughly and let air dry. Store in a plastic bag when not in use. Always keep a spare replacement on hand.
- Replace the oxygen mask every month or more often if cracked, broken or discoloured.

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