

CSA Cleaning Frequency Table for Sterile Storage Areas

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Best practice recommendations

Area / Task	Frequency
Counters and floors	Daily
Walls and ceilings	Every 6 Months
Light fixtures, sprinkler heads and other fixtures	Every 6 Months
Shelves (fixed/attached, covered and mobile carts) in <i>area restricted to staff access only</i>	Monthly
Shelves (fixed/attached, covered and mobile carts) in <i>unrestricted area that is accessible to patients and visitors</i>	Weekly
Containers totes and bins	Every 3 Months and/or when visibly soiled
Reusable covers for protecting devices, carts or containers	Every 3 Months and/or when visibly soiled
Repair or renovations	During or after any repair or renovation that creates dust.
Suggested cleaning frequencies for storage of clean and sterile supplies in clinical areas adapted from CSA Z314.-18: Canadian medical device reprocessing, Table 17.2, Suggested minimal frequencies for sterile storage, page 217.	

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