



calgary health region

**Southeast Community  
Portfolio**

**Centre 15**

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### **Floors/Walls/Ceilings:**

To allow for easy cleaning, they must be:

- 1) Smooth
- 2) Water resistant
- 3) Durable
- 4) Good repair
- 5) Baseboards along all walls

### **Garbage:**

Garbage must not be allowed to remain in the food establishment for long periods of time. It prevents good cleaning and will allow sites for insects and rodents to hide. Garbage must be stored in rodent/insect proof containers out of the food facility. This must be emptied often enough to prevent overfilling.

Grease must be stored in insect and rodent proof containers. These must be kept clean as they attract insects and rodents.

### **Housekeeping:**

A schedule must be created outlining:

- what needs to be cleaned
- how to clean it
- what chemicals should be used
- when it needs to be cleaned
- who needs to clean

Items that need daily cleaning should be included on this list as well as items that need less frequent cleaning. List everything – this will allow you to keep your establishment clean and avoid major problems in the long run.

Dirty establishments will have more insect problems and food contamination issues!

**Lighting:**

There must have adequate lighting in all areas to allow for examination of:

- 1) food,
- 2) facility
- 3) detection of pests.

Lights must be covered with shatterproof guards where open food is stored, prepared or displayed.

**Ventilation:**

Ventilation must be adequate to remove all smoke, air borne grease and steam. The ventilation must be adequate to keep the temperature in the facility such that refrigeration will work.

Ventilation requires maintenance, the filters must be cleaned when dirty and the roof system will also need periodic professional steam cleaning.

If outdoor doors are remaining open, they must have a tight fitting screen door to prevent insect and rodent entry.

**Water and Sewer:**

Water must be from a safe, "drinkable" source. If you are not attached to a municipal system, you will be required to provide water source details to the Calgary Health Region - Environmental Health Department. You will also be required to sample on a regular basis.

Your facility will need to be attached to an approved waste water disposal system (ie municipal sewer).