## **Guidelines for Disinfection of Dive Gear**

**Keep Our Islands Clean!** 

Soak all of your gear for 10 min in a 1% household bleach solution USE IMMEDIATELY AFTER MIXING

BLEACH (cups)	WATER (gallons)
~1.0	5
~1.5	10
~2.5	15

Don't forget your BC internal bladders!

## Rinse all of your gear in

## fresh water

(e.g., in a 5 gallon bucket)

Properly dispose of disinfectant solutions by rinsing waste into sink or shower. Remember, chlorine will break down in the sun!

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SOAK

Household

Bleach

**RINSE** 

Water

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Allow gear to air dry thoroughly

**General Guidlienes for Disinfection** 

- Inspect dive gear and equipment and remove debris
- Move from "cleanest" site first to "dirtiest" last
- Decontaminate dive gear at end of day
- Decontaminate dive gear between sites, sensitive areas, & islands
- Properly dispose of disinfectant by rinsing waste into sink or shower. Remember, chlorine will break down if left in the sun!

More chlorine is wasteful and can be dangerous.

DO

**X** Don't leave debris on dive gear **X** Don't move from a diseased to a healthy site  $\mathbf{X}$  Don't forget to disinfect gear between sites, islands, sensitive areas, & end of day

 $\mathbf{X}$  Don't use concentrations higher than 1%