

What's the
difference?

CLEANING SANITIZING DISINFECTING



CLEANING

Works by removing dirt, and debris from surfaces, through hand washing or mechanical cleaning processes.



SANITIZING

Reduces the number of germs and bacteria on surfaces and objects to a safe level, as judged by public health standards or requirements.



DISINFECTING

For chemicals, disinfecting destroys or inactivates bacteria and viruses that are clearly identified on a chemical's product's label on hard, nonporous surfaces. Other means, such as steam can also destroy or inactivate bacteria and viruses.



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