What is Dwell Time?

And does it really matter?

Dwell time, also known as contact time, refers to the duration a disinfectant is to remain wet on a surface in order to effectively eliminate the presence of microorganisms.

What happens if you do not follow the disinfectants required dwell time?

Not only will you waste time and money, you will most certainly leave behind harmful microorganisms.





Do different surface types require different dwell times?

Yes! Porous surfaces may require longer dwell times to sufficiently penetrate and reach all areas where microorganisms may reside.

How do I know what the correct dwell time is for the disinfectant I'm using?

You can find dwell times and other requirements for using the disinfectant properly, on the back of the bottle under the directions for use.



