

**Technical Standards**  
**Supplemental to the Code of the Town of Wallingford, Chapter 173. Ord. No.**  
**592 General Standards and Requirements of Salon Establishments**

The purpose of this chapter is to define requirements for the inspection, establishment standards, permit fees and penalties for barbershops, hairdressing, cosmetology and nail salons, and tattoo/body-piercing salons in the Town of Wallingford in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §§ 19a and 20-234, et se. and other applicable law, as amended.

All persons operating such an establishment should be familiar with the Technical Standards. Failure of an establishment to achieve and maintain minimum requirements of these technical standards shall constitute a violation of The Code of the Town of Wallingford, Chapter 592.

**Section 1: Infection Control**

**A. Tattoo, Permanent Make-up and Body Piercing Establishments: Infection Control**

1. In accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Blood Borne Pathogen Standard 29 CFR 1910.1030 et seq. as amended, each owner shall ensure that housekeeping procedures are developed and implemented. These procedures must include the appropriate methods of decontamination and disinfection.
2. Blood Borne Pathogens Training Certificates of all technicians providing the services; updated bi-annually.
3. Written procedures required for the decontamination and sterilization of equipment and surfaces
4. Barrier film shall be used to protect all work areas and equipment during the tattoo/piercing procedure.
5. All work stations, rooms and articles used on a patron, other than those items requiring full sterilization, must be sanitized before use by a disinfectant using an approved biocide wipe or disposable towelette as listed in the technical standards.
6. Tattoo machine parts, excluding the electrical components, interior motor casing, and single use disposable cartridge shall be cleaned thoroughly after each use by scrubbing with a soap solution containing a biocide and hot water.
7. All disposable materials that come in contact with blood and/or bodily fluids shall be double-bagged in sealable plastic bags and placed in the normal trash.

8. Each needle and tube sets/sharps shall be single service, commercially prepackaged in paper peel-packs, heat-sealed plastic, or other autoclave packaging. Packaging material shall contain colorimetric sterilizer indicator. Expiration dates shall be based on commercial manufactures recommendation.
9. Manufacturers single-use prepackaged, sterilized equipment and supplies must be obtained from reputable suppliers or manufacturers.
10. All contaminated sharps/needles must be disposed of in a covered, puncture-proof and leak-proof "sharps" container that is labeled with the biohazard symbol and shall be properly removed and disposed of according to OSHA guidelines. Written procedures required for removing sharps containers from the premises.
11. All contaminated laundry shall be placed in a leak-proof container or bag and laundered using hot water, soap and bleach as soon as possible.
12. All equipment used in the tattoo procedure must remain in sterile packages until just prior to performing the procedure. When equipment is assembled the technician shall wear gloves and use care to ensure that equipment is not contaminated.
13. Body Piercing jewelry must be sterilized for use in all new piercing and jewelry changeouts on piercing less than 6 months old. Jewelry change-out on piercings performed greater than 6 months from change-out must be sanitized with isopropyl alcohol as listed in the technical standards.
14. Sterilizers/autoclaves are not required in establishments that exclusively use prepackaged, single-use, sterilized equipment and supplies including body piercing equipment and jewelry. Owner must submit written statement concerning the use of only presterilized equipment as part of the establishment approval to operate.
15. Sterilizer/autoclave used at an establishment must be capable of attaining proper heat and pressure to ensure proper operating through testing as specified:
  - a. Thermal and/or chemical indicator strips consistent with sterilization process and manufacturers recommendation are required on all packaged instruments during the sterilization process.
  - b. A spore destruction test bi-monthly or as recommended by the manufacturer.
  - c. The spore test shall be verified by an independent approved laboratory capable of analyzing the spore test.
  - d. Records of spore destruction testing shall be maintained at all times on site and readily available for review and inspection.

## **B. Barbershop, Beauty Salons: Infection Control**

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1. All implements shall be disinfected using an EPA approved disinfectant diluted to the correct concentration in accordance with the manufacturer's label.
2. The contact time of disinfectant must be a minimum of ten (10) minutes on implements or equipment. The solution must be changed daily or when visibly dirty.
3. All surfaces or implements that have come in contact with blood and/or body fluids shall be thoroughly cleaned with warm, soapy water prior to disinfection. An appropriate disinfectant includes an EPA-approved tuberculocidal or products registered against HIV/HBV/HVC (Hepatitis B and C Virus), or household bleach (5.25%).
4. Items used to clean up minor cuts should be doubled-bagged and placed in normal trash.
5. All shaving implements are required to be single use.
6. All shaving implements are required to be disposed of in a medical grade sharps container.

#### C. Nail Salons: Infection Control

1. Single-service, emery boards, orange sticks, buffing blocks, waxing sticks, cosmetic sponges, and other material shall be disposed of immediately after use and shall not be used again. Exception: orange sticks, emery boards, buffing squares, cosmetic sponges and disposable nail bits may be kept for the original customer if kept in a covered container labeled with the customer's name.
2. All equipment and implements coming in contact with a customer must be washed with a soap product, rinsed, and then disinfected after each customer by submersion in a disinfectant diluted to the correct concentration, in accordance with the manufacturer's label.
3. Use of a UV system to sanitize equipment and implements is prohibited.
4. Pedicure Basins: Clean and sanitize after each customer, the pedicure basins shall be cleaned in the following manner:
  - a. Scrub the basin using warm water, detergent or soap, and scrub brush. Rinse thoroughly with warm water.
  - b. Spray with an EPA-approved disinfectant diluted to the correct concentration in accordance with the manufacturer's label.

- c. Let stand for ten (10) minutes (use of timer required). Rinse thoroughly with warm water.
  - d. An instructional sign provided by the Health Department shall be posted in the color selection area to notify patrons of minimum time required for proper sanitizing of basins after each customer.
5. Pedicure Basins: Clean and sanitize at the end of each day, the pedicure basins shall be cleaned in the following manner:
- a. Remove screen and all debris trapped behind screen (each establishment must have the proper tool to remove the screen).
  - b. Scrub screen with a brush using warm water and detergent or soap, then immerse screen in an EPA-approved disinfectant with demonstrated Bactericidal, fungicidal, and Virucidal activity.
  - c. Wash and scrub pedicure basin with warm water and detergent or soap; then rinse.
  - d. Fill pedicure bowl with warm water and disinfectant at correct concentration as per label.
  - e. Turn on pedicure whirlpool jets and run for a minimum of ten (10) minutes (timer required).
  - f. Rinse unit thoroughly with clean water and drain.
6. Pedicure Basins: Clean and sanitize Weekly, the pedicure basins shall be cleaned in the following manner: \*
- a. After routine cleaning, completely fill the pedicure basin with warm water and add disinfectant at correct concentration as per label.
  - b. Turn on the jets and flush the spa system with the sanitizing solution for ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes.
  - c. Turn jets off and let solution stand for six (6) to eight (8) hours, or overnight.

- d. Drain the basin and thoroughly flush system with clean water and dry with a clean towel prior to use.

\*Refer to the Operator's Manual for cleaning instructions of pedicure equipment. Some cleaning products containing harsh abrasives should be avoided as they could damage the finish on the pedicure bowl and/or components.

## 7. Manicure and Pedicure Implements Storage

1. Cleaned, disinfected and dried implements may be stored and covered in a clean drawer or UV cabinet or shall be stored fully emerged in approved containers that contain a disinfectant.
2. Salons should have at least two (2) sets of clean and disinfected manicure and pedicure implements per station.
3. Single-use paper sheets used at manicure stations must be changed after each client.
4. Alum and other astringents used to stop the flow of blood shall be applied in powdered or liquid form only. Ointment and creams are prohibited.
5. Clients must wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water and dried on a single use towel before receiving manicure services from operators.

## **Section 2: Universal Precautions and Informed Consent**

1. Blood Borne Pathogens such as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Hepatitis B (HBV) can be transmitted by sharp objects or materials contaminated by blood and/or body fluids. Treat all blood and potentially infectious body fluids as though they are infectious.
2. Disposable latex or hypoallergenic gloves must be worn during all clean-up procedures.
3. Tattoo, Permanent Make-Up and Body Piercing:
  - a. Effective January 1, 2015, any person offering the services of "Tattooing" must be licensed by the CT Department of Public Health and adhere to all applicable license requirements under the Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-266n to 20-266s.
  - b. Tattoo, Permanent Make-Up and Body Piercing shall not be performed on anyone under the age 18 without written consent of parent or guardian. Photocopy of parent

or guardian ID shall be kept with the consent form. Records of consent must be maintained and available for review and inspection for a minimum of two years.

- c. Copy of after-care instructions must be given to each client served.
- d. After-care instructions for Dermal Anchors shall require client signature and a copy shall be maintained and available for review and inspection for a minimum of two years.
- e. After-care instructions for Dermal Anchors shall include the following statement: "Dermal Anchors present an increased risk of infection and require strict adherence to care instructions".
- f. Patrons indicating current use of medication to prevent blood clotting such as Coumadin must present a medical providers release prior to receiving service; copy of medical release must be maintained for a minimum of two years.
- g. Injection of chemical into the skin to remove a tattoo is prohibited.

### **Section 3: Equipment and facilities.**

#### A. Water:

- (1) All sinks in the establishment must have hot and cold running water, under pressure, from an approved source at all times. Hot water shall be provided at minimum temperature of 105° F. and maximum of 115° F.
- (2) Equipment must be commercial grade and designed for such purpose.
- (3) Wastewater from all plumbing fixtures shall be discharged into municipal sewers or approved subsurface sewage disposal systems.
- (4) Plumbing fixtures shall be maintained and shall conform to applicable building and plumbing codes; proper devices to prevent back siphonage or cross-connections are required.
- (5) A separate and designated utility or mop sink shall be provided. Establishments in operation prior to enactment of this chapter may submit written request for an exemption from this requirement based on physical constraints of the establishment.

#### B. Floors, walls and cove base:

(1) Floors and walls shall be of such construction as to be easily cleaned and kept in good repair.

(2) All establishments shall have a properly fitted sanitary cove base installed.

C. Lighting and ventilation:

(1) Lighting fixtures shall be in sufficient number and properly placed so as to provide adequate illumination.

(2) The establishment shall be properly and adequately ventilated so as to remove chemical vapor emissions, excess heat and odors.

D. Refuse and garbage:

(1) Containers inside the establishment shall consist of covered containers for hair droppings, paper, and other waste material. The containers shall be emptied daily and maintained in a sanitary manner.

(2) Containers stored outside the establishment shall consist of approved garbage receptacles that have lids which are kept closed at all times. The garbage receptacle area and property must be maintained in a clean manner, free of litter at all times, and screened from public view.

(3) Waste generated from the act of tattooing or body piercing, such as sharps and soiled material that may contain blood, must be properly identified and disposed.

E. Toilet facilities:

(1) Toilet facilities with hand wash sinks must be provided for customers and employees and kept clean and in working order.

(2) Mechanical ventilation or an operational window is required.

F: Work stations:

(1) All products not stored in the original container must be clearly labeled.

(2) A container with a sufficient amount of disinfectant shall be located within easy access of each nail and pedicure station. Hair salons may keep a container of disinfectant for brushes and combs at work stations.

(3) All work stations designated for use in tattooing or body piercing shall have a means to provide for client privacy upon request.

G. Salon establishment located in residence:

(1) A salon located in a residence must be confined to a separate room, separated with ceiling-high partitions, and provided with a door to be closed at all times.

(2) The area within a home operated as a salon must be equipped with all the facilities and instruments required in all such establishments and in conformance with all sections of this code and zoning approval from the Planning and Zoning Department.

(3) No tattoo or body-piercing establishment may operate in a residential home.

**§ 173-10 Infection control.**

A. In accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration bloodborne pathogen standard, 29 CFR 1910.1030, established in 1992, each employer must ensure that housekeeping procedures are developed and implemented. These procedures should include the appropriate methods to disinfect surfaces or implements that have come in contact with blood and/or body fluids.

B. All contaminated sharps (i.e., needles or broken glass) must be disposed of in a covered, puncture-proof and leak-proof sharps container that is labeled with the biohazard symbol.

C. All biohazard containers shall be properly removed and disposed of according to OSHA guidelines.

D. Use of ultraviolet (UV) light is not an approved method to disinfect equipment.

**§ 173-11 Maintenance and operation.**

A. General cleanliness:

(1) The establishment and work stations shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Hair droppings and nail clippings should be removed frequently.

(2) Cloth towels must be cleaned and disinfected after each customer; paper towels must be disposed of after use.

(3) Sleeping quarters shall not be located in any part of the establishment.



B. Walls, ceilings and fixtures:

(1) Ceilings and walls shall be kept in good repair.

(2) Cabinets, shelves, furniture, shampoo sinks, and fixtures shall be kept clean, free of dust, dirt and hair droppings, and in good repair.

C. Sanitary services:

(1) A commercial linen service shall be used for laundering if not done on the premises. Washing and/or drying of towels in one's private home is prohibited.

(2) Laundering conducted on site shall be located in a separate room, and only the hot water cycle shall be used for all laundering.

D. Sanitation of equipment and implements:

(1) All nail salon equipment and implements must be washed with soap, rinsed, and disinfected after each customer.

(2) All tattoo and body piercing equipment and pedicure basins shall be cleaned and sanitized in an approved manner and at intervals as specified in the technical standards.

(3) Hair brushes, combs and all other implements shall undergo thorough cleansing and disinfecting after serving each customer, or otherwise single-service disposable implements shall be used.

(4) Single-service emery boards, orange sticks, buffing blocks, waxing sticks, cosmetic sponges, and other material shall be disposed of immediately after use and shall not be used again. Exception: orange sticks, emery boards, buffing squares, cosmetic sponges and disposable nail bits may be kept for the original customer if kept in a covered container labeled with the customer's name.

(5) The use of credo blades is prohibited.

E. Food and beverages:

(1) Food and beverages shall not be prepared or sold in the permitted premises, except coffee and tea may be prepared and kept for the convenience of employees and customers.

(2) A separate employee break room shall be provided if food and beverages are to be consumed by the employees. Those establishments in operation prior to enactment of this chapter may submit written request for an exemption from this requirement based on physical constraints of the establishment.

**§ 173-12Hygiene of operators and customers.**

A. No person known to be affected with any communicable disease in an infectious stage shall engage in barbering, hairdressing or cosmetology, nail services, tattooing or body piercing.

B. No client known to be affected with any infectious disease shall be attended.

C. Operators shall not eat or drink while providing services to a customer.

### **§ 173-13 Smoking prohibited.**

Establishments must adhere to Connecticut Statutes regarding smoking in public places.

### **§ 173-14 Technical standards.**

The Director of Health shall have the authority to adopt technical standards and associated inspection procedures to assure proper sanitary maintenance and safe operation of barbershops, beauty salons, nail salons and tattoo and body-piercing establishments. Such standards and inspection shall not contravene any of the provisions of this chapter or any state or municipal laws, ordinances or regulations, and may be amended or revised by the Director of Health. Failure of an establishment to achieve and maintain minimum requirements of these technical standards shall constitute a violation of this chapter. A copy of the technical standards shall be available at the Health Department for review and copying.

## **SECTION 4:DISINFECTANTS/SANITIZERS**

1. Disinfectant for barber, cosmetology, and nail salon implements must follow manufacturer's specifications. Examples of EPA Approved products:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Concentration</u>
OPI Spa Complete:	1 oz/gal
Blensacide 3:	20z/gal
Barbicide:	8 oz/gal
Marvi-Cide:	8 oz/gal
Let's Touch:	20z/gal

2. Chemicals suitable for use in laundering of towels and linens shall be used. Lysol or household bleach (for whites) shall be used to manufacturer's specifications. Use of color safe bleach is prohibited.

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3. The following, in addition to those specified under Tattoo, Permanent Make-Up and Body Piercing, are approved sanitizing and disinfecting agents:

<b>Disinfectant</b>	<b>Type of Use</b>	<b>Type of Use</b>
Quaternary Ammonia EX: Barbicide	1:16 dilution x 10 min.	Odorless, non-toxic Highly stable, and non-corrosive
Sodium Hypochlorite (Household Bleach)	5.25% 1:10 dilution x 10 min. or 1/4cup per gal. of water Make new batch every day	For use on implements Surfaces that come in contact with blood or bodily fluids.
Compound cresol or – phenolic Compound solution EX: Lysol	5% solution x 3 min.	For use on colored gowns Or towels, floors, sinks, Bathroom. *Can use skin Irritations.
Alcohol	70% ethyl alcohol or 99% Isopropyl  20-30 min.	Corrodes tools/implements And can dull sharp Edges.
Lubricant/ Sanitizer	Combination	Recommended for electric  Clippers
Virucidal Ex:CaviCide	28% Quaternary Ammonia  Or 99% isopropyl	All non-porous equipment And contact surfaces.

## **SECTION 5: ELECTRIC CLIPPER SANITIZING TECHNIQUES**

### **1. Detachable Head-Type:**

- a. Detach blades, clean thoroughly with brush, soap, and warm water.
- b. Submerge in effective disinfectant for required time.

### **2. Non-detachable Head-Type:**

- a. Place covered shallow glass jar at work station opposite every barber chair.
- b. After use, brush out excess hair and grease, and wipe cutting blades clean.
- c. While clipper is running, immerse blade in a combination lubricant-sanitizer for ten seconds.
- d. Remove clipper and allow blades to drain for ten (10) minutes on a clean towel or tissue. Wipe blades clean with a fresh disposable tissue or paper towel and store in a cabinet reserved for tools already disinfected and ready for use.

## **Section 6: Equipment and Facilities**

1. Hand wash sinks: Any establishment engaged in the practice of nail technician services, tattoo or body piercing shall have a hand wash sink separate from the toilet room readily accessible in the work area. Hand wash signs shall be posted at all hand sinks designating sinks as such.
2. Toilet rooms shall have a separate hand wash sink located within the toilet room.
3. All hand wash sinks shall have hot and cold running water under pressure, with liquid hand soap and disposable towels.
4. Toilet room floors and floor areas where hair cutting, styling, tinting, shampooing, nail technician services, tattooing or body piercing are performed, or where chemicals for bleaching hair are used, shall have hard, nonporous and washable surfaces.
5. Adequate lighting shall be provided in all areas of the establishment.
6. Ventilation shall comply with state and local building codes and ordinances. Establishments adjoined to another establishment or building shall ensure that all odors

generated are captured so as not to penetrate, permeate, or negatively affect the indoor air quality of the adjoining establishment or building.

7. Cleaning and disinfecting products shall be stored separately from other products and supplies. All products not in original containers shall be properly labeled with content.
8. Barber or Beauty Salon Establishment located in residence must have a toilet room and hand wash sink separate from the residence.
9. Animals prohibited except service animals

### **Section 7: Hygiene of Technicians**

1. The hands of the technician shall be thoroughly washed with soap and warm water and dried on a single use paper towel before serving each customer and immediately after using the toilet, or after eating.
2. Any open wounds or breaks in the skin must be covered with a waterproof dressing.

Technical Standards are supplemental to the Code of the Town of Wallingford, Chapter 173 Ord. No. 592 General Standards and Requirements of Salon Establishments and shall be reviewed and revised as needed to ensure compliance with the CGS and Regulations of the State of Connecticut