

4655.8300 LINEN.

Subpart 1. **Application.** Subparts 2 to 6 apply to boarding homes only.

Subp. 2. **Clean linen.** Clean linen shall be dried, ironed, except for noniron linen, and folded and shall be stored in enclosed, clean, designated locations at least eight inches above the floor. New linen shall be washed and ironed before use. During distribution for use, only the linen needed in an area or room shall be carried into that area or room. Enclosed linen carts are acceptable for linen storage. Linen storage rooms or closets shall be kept clean and used only for the storage of clean linen and clean supply items. Only clean trucks or containers shall be used for the storage and transport of clean linen.

Subp. 3. **Soiled linen.** Soiled linen shall be collected in a cleanable hamper, container, or bag for removal to the soiled linen collection room or to the laundry. Hampers, containers, or bags shall be cleaned or washed regularly. Easily cleanable laundry trucks or containers for off-the-floor storage and sorting of soiled linen shall be provided.

Subp. 4. **Laundering of linen.** Linen shall be washed in commercial-type washers. The water temperature inside the washers shall be at least 160 degrees Fahrenheit during the main washing and rinsing cycles for a total time of at least 30 minutes, excluding time for filling and draining.

Subp. 5. **Outside linen service.** Linen processed in central or commercial laundries outside the facility shall be subject to the laundering standards of these rules; see part 4655.2200.

Subp. 6. **Laundering of personal clothing.** Residents' personal clothing and other nonlinen items shall be laundered in accordance with appropriate washing procedures for the various fabrics and shall be ironed, mended, and labeled as necessary. Domestic-type washers and dryers are acceptable as well as outside washing and drycleaning services.

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