

## PROPER CLEANING AND STORING OF RESPIRATORS

1. Remove cartridges, and either discard or store them separately from the respirator.
2. Immerse entire respirator in a container with soap and warm water.
3. Wash the inside and outside of the respirator thoroughly with hands, a sponge, or small brush.
4. Before rinsing, be sure the valves have remained on the respirator.
5. Rinse respirator in clean water. An optional step for sanitary purposes is to rinse in a weak solution of Clorox and water (one cup per gallon of water).
6. Check again to be sure the valves are in place.
7. Air dry the respirator overnight in a dust free area or pat it dry with clean towel.
8. Seal the respirator in a plastic storage bag, and store it in a dry area.

**Do NOT store the respirator with the cartridges.**

<b>If respirator is:</b>	<b>Clean it:</b>	<b>Inspect it:</b>
Your own	As often as necessary	Before each use and during cleaning
Shared with co-workers	Before anyone else wears it	Before each use and during cleaning
Emergency use	After each use	At least monthly