

Title: New Washroom Cleaning Rules: What You Need to Do

1. Introduction

- **Why this matters:** Ontario Regulation 480/24, "Washroom Facilities — Records of Cleaning," takes effect on January 1, 2026. This ensures workplace washrooms are cleaned regularly and records are accessible to workers.
- **Who this applies to:** Employers, constructors, site supervisors, and cleaning staff.

2. Key Changes

- Employers and constructors must document and display records of the two most recent washroom cleanings.
- Workers must have easy access to these records, either through physical postings or electronic systems.

3. Action Steps

- **Step 1:** Develop a cleaning schedule to ensure regular maintenance.
- **Step 2:** Implement a record-keeping system—either a physical log near washrooms or a digital tracking method.
- **Step 3:** Train staff on proper cleaning procedures and accurate record-keeping.
- **Step 4:** Monitor compliance by reviewing records and addressing any issues.

4. Checklist for Compliance

- Set and follow a washroom cleaning schedule.
- Maintain accurate records of the last two cleanings.
- Post records in a visible location or provide digital access.
- Train staff on documentation procedures.
- Regularly review records to ensure compliance.

5. Example Scenario

A construction company introduces a digital washroom log system, allowing workers to scan a QR code near each facility to view cleaning records. This ensures compliance and improves accessibility.

6. FAQs

- **What if my company already tracks washroom cleaning?**
If records are maintained and accessible to workers, no major changes are needed—just ensure compliance with the specific posting or digital access requirements.
- **Who is responsible for ensuring compliance?**
Employers and constructors are responsible for maintaining records and making them accessible to workers.

7. Resources & Contacts

- Ontario Regulation 480/24 details: ontario.ca
- Compliance support: <https://niagaraconstruction.org/>
- Sample washroom cleaning log attached

Washroom Cleaning Log:

| Date | Time | Cleaned By | Task Checklist | Notes |
|------|------|------------|--|-------|
| | | | <p>✓ Please check off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Cleaned<input type="checkbox"/> Sink Cleaned<input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors Cleaned<input type="checkbox"/> Floors Mopped<input type="checkbox"/> Supplies Restocked<input type="checkbox"/> Trash Emptied | |
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