

CAP CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

Required Materials:

1. At least 2 large lingerie or other mesh cleaning bags with zippers (each batch of caps will need to fit into 1 large bag)
2. Laundry strips or similar environmentally friendly laundry/plastic free detergent
3. Chlorine-free bleach alternative (to sanitize/disinfect)
4. Citrasolv orange oil cleaner (to remove adhesives, if necessary) with a few small rags
5. A few old towels
6. Low tubs or a large counter space that can be reserved for ~24 hours while caps dry
7. A washing machine

Instructions:

1. **BAG THE CAPS:** Fill a lingerie/mesh cleaning bag 2/3 full with caps, and zip it closed. Insert the bag full of caps into a second bag with the zipper facing the opposite direction. This prevents caps from spilling out in the event that one zipper fails.

2. **WASH ON WHITE CYCLE:** Place lingerie bags full of caps in the machine with any whites you wish to wash at the same time. Add detergent and bleach alternative, and then run through the wash cycle.

3. **LAY OUT TO DRY:** Now that your caps are germ free and safe to handle, take them out of the laundry bags and inspect them as you place them onto an old towel (in the bottom of a low tub or on a countertop). Separate any that still appear to need cleaning. You can remove stubborn adhesives with a rag soaked with Citrasolv (orange oil cleaner that is septic safe). If there is still dirt, simply use dish soap and an old toothbrush or a hard bristled brush.

Once cleaning is complete, place the caps cup side down to dry (so that water drips out onto the towels). You can move the tubs of caps into the sun or another dry area to speed up the drying process.

NOTE: This method also works very well to sanitize small plastic debris of any kind.