



# GUIDE TO CLEANING AND DISINFECTING FEED BARRELS



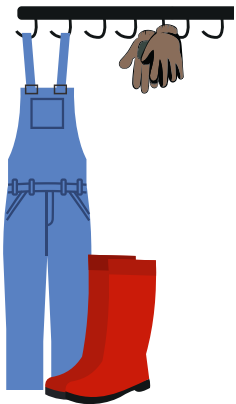
**DIRTY BARRELS CAN INTRODUCE DISEASE TO A FEED STORE THEN CARRIED HOME BY CUSTOMERS**

**WHEN RETURNING & REFILLING BARRELS AT YOUR LOCAL FEED STORE/LOT:**

- **CLEAN AND DISINFECT EMPTY BARRELS PRIOR TO LEAVING YOUR PROPERTY**
- **WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER BEFORE AND AFTER HANDLING FEED BARRELS**

**We do not recommend refilling used feed bags due to the high risk of contamination and inability to disinfect porous material like paper.**

## 1. WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND SHOES



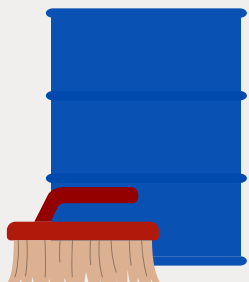
- Only use clothing dedicated to working with your birds.
- Wearing protective clothing, such as coveralls, aprons, gloves, and rubber boots (or shoe covers) reduces your risk of spreading disease.

## 2. GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES



- We recommend having a large bucket, brush, scraper, detergent, disinfectant, and a water source.
- Make sure the barrel is empty before you start cleaning.

## 3. CLEAN THE FEED BARRELS



- **Dry Clean First:** Brush or scrape off any organic material (e.g. manure, litter, feathers, dust, etc.) on the outside and bottom of the feed barrel.
- **Wet Clean:** Thoroughly scrub feed barrel using soap and water to remove any visible dirt. Rinse well.

## 4. DISINFECT THE FEED BARRELS



- Dilute the disinfectant according to the label.
- Spray disinfectant on the **outside** of the barrel.
- Leave on for appropriate contact time (approx. 10 min).
- Rinse off thoroughly with water and let dry before refilling.

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