THREE COMPARTMENT SINK METHOD

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MANUALLY CLEANING AND SANITIZING



- **Step 1:** Rinse, scrape, or soak all items before washing to remove food.
- Step 2: Wash items in the first sink in detergent and warm water. Water temperature should be at least 110°F. Use a brush, cloth, or nylon scrubber.
- Step 3: Immerse or spray-rinse items in the second sink. Water temperature should be at least 110°F. Remove all traces of detergent.
- Step 4: Immerse items in the third sink in hot water or a chemical-sanitizing solution. If hot water immersion is used, the water temperature must be at least 171°F. Items must be immersed for 30 seconds. If chemical sanitizing is used, the sanitizer must be mixed at the proper concentration.
- **Step 5:** Air dry. Do not dry with a cloth towel.

