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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