

Three (or Four) Pot Method Cleanup

Materials needed:

- 3 pots or 5 gallon plastic pails
- Hot pot tongs
- 2 Scrubbies
- Dishwashing soap
- Bleach or sanitizing tablet
- 8" X 8" screen or strainer

6 Easy Steps to Clean Dishes and Cookware:

- 1) Prepare Hot Water** - Before you start cooking, put a large pot of water on your fire. The Troop has large buckets that may be used for this purpose. Otherwise, put this on as soon as cooking is finished and before you start to eat. Pots that go on fire must be soaped on the outside.
- 2) Set Up the Wash Line** - Set up 3 containers as per the directions below. Start with personal dishes and utensils first followed with cooking gear. If there are many people using the wash line, set up a pot/pail of cool water & a scrubby to do a "pre-wash" (this would be the "four pot" method).
- 3) First Pot = WASH (120° F Warm Water + few drops of biodegradable soap)**
 - Scrape any food traces from dishes into a trash bag.
 - Wash cleanest dishes first, save the dirtiest for last
 - Wash scraped dish in warm soapy pot. Don't wash a dish covered in food bits.
- 4) Second Pot = SANITIZE (Cool Water + few drops of bleach or sanitizing tablet)**
 - Shake all visible soap off the washed dish
 - Put washed dish through the rinse
- 5) Third Pot = RINSE & DRY (212° Clear boiling water)**

Tong Method

 - Use hot pot tongs to submerge and rinse in boiling water
 - Place items upside down on a clean surface to dry

Dunk Bag Method

 - Put rinsed items in a dunk bag
 - Dunk in boiling water and shake to remove water
 - Hang in dunk bag to fully dry
- 6) Cleanup** – While waiting for the dishes to dry
 - Find an area at least 200' from water sources to drain water
 - Dig a small "cathole" to use for degradable refuse. This will be covered up during camp cleanup.
 - Pour the wash water (and pre-wash) through a piece of screen to capture food scraps
 - Throw the food scraps in the trash
 - Rinse the wash container and screen with water from the second or third pot

Hint – If you use 5-gallon pails, simply write the instructions (#1 Warm Wash, #2 Cool Bleach, #3 Hot Rinse) right on the pails with indelible markers – *Works every time!*