

Single-Use & Multi-Use Tools

Throw Away Single-Use Tools

Single-use tools cannot be sterilized, so reusing them can expose customers to germs that can cause infections.

You may only use single-use tools on ONE client.

You must use NEW single-use tools with every customer.

After you use single-use tools on one customer, you must throw them away or give them to the customer to take home.

You may NOT save them for use on another customer nor a future appointment with the same customer.

Examples include:

- Nail files/emory boards
- Buffers
- Pumice stones
- Wood cuticle sticks
- Waxing spatulas
- Toe separators
- Flip flops
- Sandpaper buffing disks on electric files

Do NOT Use Skin Graters or Callus Shavers

You may NEVER use these tools, even if the customer brings in their own.



Sterilize Multi-Use Tools

Multi-use tools are nail implements made of metal.

You must sterilize multi-use tools every time you use them.

You may ONLY use multi-use tools on another customer after you have sterilized them.

Examples include:

- Nail clippers
- Nail scissors
- Metal nail files
- Cuticle clippers
- Cuticle pushers



Use a dry heat sterilizer or autoclave to sterilize multi-use tools.





You May NOT Use:

A UV light box or barbicide to sterilize your multi-use tools.





If you have a UV light box in your salon, you may not pass your inspection and you may receive a fine.

To learn more about nail salon safety, call the Safe Shops Program at 617-534-5965 or visit www.bphc.org/safenails.