



<b>Wintergreen Fire and Rescue Standard Administrative Policy</b>	
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**Purpose:**

Establishes a procedure for the decontamination of people, gear, and equipment that becomes contaminated as a result of exposure to hazardous materials in an Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) environment.

**Policy:**

Once personnel have exited an IDLH environment and are preparing to pack up is when you should decontaminate all tools, air packs, gear and personnel. A bucket will be located on Engine 61 & 62, Truck 61 and Tanker 62 and bucket will contain the following:

- Body Wipes
- Soap
- Brush
- Garden hose (Truck 1 only)

Use body wipes to remove as much dirt from face, neck, arms, and hands as possible. Mix 1/8 to 1/4 cup of soap and fill the bucket 3/4 full with water. Use the booster reel hose with low pressure to rinse loose debris from all the items. Scrub all the items with brush and soapy water and rinse from top down. All tools are then placed back in service. Remove gear and place it in the back of the apparatus or other vehicle to keep water and dirty gear out of the front of the apparatus.

Once you have returned to the station and apparatus are back in service, gear should be washed and hung to dry with a fan placed in front to help dry faster or use the gear dryer located at Station 2. A shower should be taken as soon as everything is back in service to remove any other contaminants left on the skin. All firefighters should have a second hood and should utilize this until the original hood has been cleaned and dried.