

*Elim Springs Dairy, LLC*  
DAIRY HERD SHARE

**JAR CLEANING PROTOCOL**

1. When your milk jar is empty thoroughly rinse it out with lukewarm water before the milk has a chance to dry in the jar. If the water is too hot or too cold it can cause a deposit of milk solids to adhere to the surface of the jar. This deposit is known as “milkstone” in the dairy industry and leaves a haze on the inside of the jar so warm water is best.

2. After rinsing the jar, wash it thoroughly with soap and hot water. A capful of hydrogen peroxide (or if you prefer a capful of bleach) can be added. PLEASE NOTE: We recommend that you DO NOT use your dishwasher for washing your milk jars. Most non-commercial dishwashers are inadequate for washing these jars because of the height of the jar and the size of the opening.

3. Rinse well. Really well. After rinsing give the jar a sniff. If it smells like detergent, please rinse it again.

4. Dry the jar and lid completely - preferably by allowing it to air dry inverted in a dish drain on the counter overnight. Please do not allow the jar to air dry right side up as dust, hair and other foreign objects may settle in the jar. If these are found in your jar during inspection, you may be charged a cleaning fee as the jar will have to be washed before it can be used.

5. Before putting the lid on the jar please:

A. Check one last time around the inside of the lid and the metal rim to ensure they are clean. We've had otherwise “clean” jars returned with milk encrusted on the rim and/or lid.

B. Be doubly sure the jar and the lid are completely dry. If the jar develops condensation by the time we get it back it will have a foul smell and will have to be rewashed before it can be used. Please keep in mind the jars will sit at the drop site for a week before we get them too.

6. When gathering up your jars for return to the drop site, inspect them one last time. Hold each up to a strong light (preferably sunlight) and inspect it.

Look for milkstone, streaks, foreign objects, etc. If it doesn't look clean, it needs rewashing. Open the lid, if it has any smell other than a neutral clean smell (no detergent smell either), it needs rewashing.

Please also note: if lids are washed in a dishwasher they will rust.

Please wash your return jars as you would want others to do for you. It helps us keep costs down. And keeping our costs down keeps your costs down. All jars are inspected by Elim Springs Dairy before being reused. Shareholders that consistently return jars that are not cleaned according to the protocol will be warned. If the problem continues, they will be charged a \$2.50 cleaning fee for each jar returned that has to be rewashed.

I have read and understand the above jar cleaning protocol and will abide by them when cleaning, storing and returning my jars to Elim Springs Dairy.

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Signature of Herd Share Owner

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Date