

HANDWASHING

Where Do Germs Hide?

While you are out and about, do you ever wonder where the most germs live? What about when you are cooking or preparing to clean at home? Beware of these germ hot spots out in public and at home."

Germiest Public Places

- Public Park Sandbox
- Public Park Swing
- Shopping Carts
- Shopping Basket
- Store Floor
- Airplane Bathrooms
- Public Restroom Door Handles
- Drinking Fountain
- Gas Pump
- ATM Buttons
- Cash
- Elevator Buttons
- Child Care Facility Desk



Germiest Areas at Home

- Dish Sponges/Rags
- Kitchen Sink
- Toothbrush Holder
- Pet Bowl
- Coffee Machine Reservoir
- Bathroom Faucet Handle
- Pet Toy Tennis Ball
- Countertop
- Stove Knobs
- Cutting Board
- Toilet Seat
- Pens
- Bathroom Doorknob

Resources

http://www.nsf.org/newsroom_pdf/2011_NSF_Household_Germ_Study_exec-summary.pdf

<https://www.nsf.org/consumer-resources/studies-surveys-infographics/germ-studies/germiest-items-public-places>