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## **Bleach Baths**

Bleach Baths are 'cleansing' baths used to help reduce the number of bacteria on the skin and help prevent eczema flares. The baths contain a gentle mixture of diluted bleach which is safe and is similar to chlorine in a swimming pool.

### Which bleach to use?

Chose a simple bleach that can be bought on-line or from your local supermarket eg:

Milton Sterilising Fluid, Sainsbury's Thin Bleach, Tesco Everyday Value Thin Bleach

### **How to Bleach Bath:**

#### 1) Add bleach to water:

Full tub: ½ cup of bleach (150ml)

Half tub: ¼ cup of bleach (75ml)

Baby tub: teaspoon of bleach (2ml/ litre of water)

2) Mix well

## 3) Soak for 10 minutes

rinse only if your skin does not tolerate the bath well.

- 4) Pat dry gently
- 5) Apply topical medications to affected areas
- 6) Apply emollients to entire body

# How often?

Repeat 1-2 x week to try and reduce eczema flares.