Disinfectants & Butterflies in the Classroom

Just as you want to protect your skin from harsh disinfectants, so it’s important to protect delicate caterpillars and butterflies from airborne chemicals and surface residues.

Here are some **RECOMMENDATIONS** to protect your insects and other classroom pets from harm:

**COVER** the caterpillar cups or butterfly house with a large box or plastic container - whenever disinfectants are being used in the classroom, cover your insects to protect them from sprays and harsh chemicals.

**COVER OVERNIGHT** - it’s best to use a breathable fabric like a pillow case if cleaning takes place in the evening.

**MOVE** the caterpillar cups or butterfly house to a cupboard or storage closet to minimize the impact of cleaning procedures.