

Everyday Safety

Tailgate Talks

A Clean Truck is a Healthy Truck

This Everyday Safety Tailgate Talk is written using information from the National Institute of Health, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Washington State Department of Health, and the USEPA

The COVID-19 virus has been shown to persist on surfaces for hours or days, so it is essential to clean and disinfect vehicles and equipment. Here are a few things you can do at the end of your shift to make sure department vehicles are clean and disinfected:



- Give the interior a basic cleaning. Remove all personal items, trash, and wipe away any dirt from the day. Having a small plastic bag in the truck where you can toss garbage can make clean-up easier.
- Sanitize the interior using only [approved sanitizing agents](#) containing 70% alcohol or bleach. Starting with the interior using wipes or spray clean the following:
 - Steering wheel
 - Dashboard
 - Radio/Climate Control
 - Center console
 - Seat belt and seat belt attachment point
 - Shifter
 - Review mirror
 - Inside door panel
- Last point of contact on the truck should be the inside and outside door handles.
- Keys and any doorknobs should also get disinfected.
- Similarly clean any tools, tool boxes, or equipment used that day.

NEVER mix products containing ammonia and bleach (Sodium Hypochlorate)! This creates a toxic gas.

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- Dispose of used cleaning materials such as wipes or rags.
- Before you leave for the day be sure to wash your own hands for 20 seconds with soap and water.

*This should take you just a few minutes at the end of your shift.
Stay healthy stay safe!*

Resources and References:

National Institute of Health Webpage on Coronavirus Surface Stability

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-coronavirus-stable-hours-surfaces>

CDC Recommendations on Disinfecting Homes

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html#disinfect>

Washington State Department of Health - Dangers of Mixing Bleach with Cleaners

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/HealthyHome/Contaminants/BleachMixingDangers>

USEPA list of approved disinfectants for use against COVID-19

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

