

Covid-19 Vehicle Disinfecting Protocols

A very high level of care and safety is essential while cleaning anything. Everyone should be aware that they may be an infected person (carrier) so it is important that they do not contaminate the surfaces themselves. Always wash your hands thoroughly after all cleaning is complete to avoid transmitting the virus into your body or to your room.

While cleaning the vehicle please make sure that it is turned off so nothing affects the electrical components.

The Covid-19 virus can remain viable for as much as 3 days on some surfaces if not cleaned. Hard plastics surfaces are the highest risk.

The cleaning falls on the designated driver for the truck who will get paid for the cleaning. All workers must work together by keeping the garbage out of the trucks.

A plastic garbage bag will be available in the vehicle at all times to control waste. Any used wipes or hand washing supplies must not be left loose in the vehicle but must be disposed of safely in the garbage bag.

Remember to avoid touching your face while you are cleaning!

Please refer to: <https://zanzibar.safetywizard.ca/> for MSDS Sheets

There are two important steps to effective antiviral disinfecting:

1. Dust, dirt and gross contaminants should be removed by cleaning with warm soapy water. This is to be done once per shift; or more often as needed. Focus on all areas especially areas that could be touched or coughed/sneezed upon. Use care to not short circuit switches or electrical panels with liquids. This cleaning increases the effectiveness of antiviral agents. Do not pour liquid on instruments, apply to a rag or paper towel then clean electrical areas.
2. Disinfect all surfaces using an antiviral spray bottle containing antiviral disinfectant. Avoid inhaling cleaner fumes or vapor by using a suitable mask and opening windows. Protect your eyes from contact with cleaners. See MSDS listed on Safety Wizard. This cleaning should be done everyday after work once back at the motels/camp. Care should be taken to avoid short circuiting switches or electrical panels.

Daily Cleaning: (*morning and evening*)

Consider all locations that may be at risk:

- door handles
- keys
- shifter/signal
- switches
- rear view mirror
- steering wheel
- seat belts
- glove box
- center console
- dash controls + buttons
- ventilation grilles and knobs
- armrests
- radio and communication devices
- Also consider seat parts that are commonly touched when climbing in and out of the vehicle and adjusting seat position.
- Use a checklist if necessary.
- Please if you know that the level 1 first aid kit has been used, notify the attendant. They will need to clean it and update any of the supplies that were used.
- There must be no personal garbage/dishes left in the vehicle. Used planting gloves or personal clothing must be considered infected.

Once a Shift:

Trucks need to be cleaned at the end of every shift. The entire inside of the truck is to be clean with soap and water then with a disinfectant. All seats, head seats, seat belts need to be sprayed with a disinfectant. Pretty much throughout the season the trucks will remain like they looked when we got them.

Areas to pay attention too:

- truck radios
- head rests, seats, seat belts
- inside and outside handles
- all door switches
- music radio switches and knobs
- steering wheels
- seat adjustments

- Handles on the back of the fists
- floor mats
- windows

PPE equipment to wear while cleaning:

- Gloves
- mask (cloth mask/ bandana/ shirt etc)
- safety glasses or face shield.

All cleaning supplies will be provided by the company. Please do not waste cleaning supplies.

[Proper Glove removal](#)

Cleaning Supplies Needed:

- Antiviral Disinfectant (if available)
- Hydrogen Peroxide 3%: (if available) should not be diluted with water. Use full strength.
- Isopropyl Alcohol 70%.(if available)
- Bleach diluted at (1 part bleach to 10 parts water)
- Detergent (Pine sol, Mr Clean, Dish soap etc.)
- Disposable Shop towels or Paper towels
- Disposable antiviral wipes (as available).
- Cleaning rags (may be laundered separately after use).
- Latex gloves (do not reuse).
- Nitrile Gloves: to avoid skin contact with harmful chemicals. See MSDS.
- Face masks (do not reuse) or ventilator.
- Eye protection. Most cleaning solutions are harmful to the eyes. See MSDS.
- Bucket with hot water and detergent.

Please Do Not Mix Cleaners!

Link for epa and canada health approved cleaners:

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

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19/list.html#tbl1>

Link to CBC article on why not to mix chemicals:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/cleaning-products-covid-19-1.5510421?fbclid=IwAR0qJJDIVATNfFki6IVDNCohvVnOvile2pTe0l7axUjrcAZASN35f15vK20>

Safety Information on cleaners:

NO MIXING OF CHEMICALS. The only one that is to be mixed is bleach and water.

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Proper PPE must be worn at all times while cleaning trucks or rooms. Please avoid getting chemicals on your skin and eyes. Read the labels of the disinfectants before use for safety info. **All non brand name cleaners such as mixed bleach and water must be labeled.**

After you have cleaned the trucks or rooms please wipe off the bottles of cleaner and buckets. Dispose of all cleaning materials properly. All items are to be put in a garbage bag that is to be tied tightly and disposed of into a rubbish bin.

Cleaning supplies are toxic and mixing them can be deadly

DO NOT MIX:



bleach + vinegar = toxic chlorine gas



bleach + ammonia = toxic chloramine vapours



bleach + rubbing alcohol = chloroform



hydrogen peroxide + vinegar = peracetic acid

An important reminder from West Vancouver Fire & Rescue



