Fleet Vehicle Cleaning Tips

Below are some dos and don’ts best practice tips from AAA and Va. Department of FMS on how to effectively to clean the surfaces of Fairfax Water fleet vehicles.

**DOs**

Take these steps when cleaning the surfaces in your FW fleet vehicle:

- Wash your hands first and wear disposable gloves while cleaning the vehicle.
- Use a disinfecting wipe or a soft clean cloth saturated with hand sanitizer on hard surfaces, such as keys, door handles, steering wheel, dashboard, center console, cup holders, controls and seat adjustment levers, if disinfecting wipes are not available, spray a small amount of water and soap into a soft clean cloth and gently wipe the areas.
- Use a disinfecting spray on seat area only; make sure to spray two feet from seat fabric and vent vehicle for 10 minutes after. For vinyl seats, you may use a disinfecting wipe or a soft clean cloth saturated with hand sanitizer. If disinfecting wipes are not available, spray a small amount of water and soap into a soft clean cloth and gently wipe the areas.
- Clean electronic displays, by spraying a small amount of water and soap into a soft clean cloth and gently wiping the areas with the cloth

**DON’Ts**

- Do NOT use any wipes or spray on the electronic display
- Do NOT spray or wipe any sort of cleaner on switches, electronic devices or display screens, especially alcohol-based cleaners
- Do NOT use bleach-based sprays on fabric surfaces or carpet
- Do NOT use cleaning solvents, bleach or dye on vehicle's seat belts, as these may weaken the belt webbing
- On vehicles equipped with seat-mounted airbags, do NOT use chemical solvents or strong detergents; such products could contaminate the side airbag system and affect the performance of the side airbag in a crash
- Do NOT use chemical solvents or strong detergents when cleaning the steering wheel or instrument panel to avoid contamination of the airbag system
- Do NOT use water or acidic cleaners (hot steam cleaners) on the seat as this can damage the seat or occupant classification sensor and can affect the operation of the air bag system, resulting in serious personal injury

If you have any questions about cleaning techniques, do not hesitate to reach out to Dale Collins, Fleet Services Supervisor at x6406 or dcollins@fairfaxwater.org