

Blues Crew Tool Sanitizing Protocol

Supplies: 6% household bleach, marked measuring container
Water
Liquid dish soap
Brush
Bucket
Tarp
Nitrile gloves
Eye Protection

1. Wear nitrile gloves and eye protection for mixing and using bleach solutions.
2. Mix into pump sprayer freshly prepared bleach solution. CDC bleach dilution is 5 tablespoons bleach per (1) one-gallon water.
3. If needed, use bucket to prepare soapy wash water if needed to wash off visible dirt/mud from tools. ~1 teaspoon liquid dish soap per ~2 quarts water applied with brush.
4. Spread-out tarp; lay-out tools on tarp, separated by several inches.
5. Spray-wet tools with bleach solution, wait 60 seconds, turn tools over and re-wet; wait 60 seconds.
6. Direct bleach water from tarp to rocky area/roadway to protect vegetation; shake out tarp.
7. Allow tools and tarp to air-dry before long-term storage.

CDC Guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html>

How to clean and disinfect hard (non-porous) surfaces:

Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. If reusable gloves are used, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other purposes. Consult the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning and disinfection products used. [Clean hands](#) immediately after gloves are removed.

If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. For disinfection, most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

Additionally, diluted household bleach solutions (at least 1000ppm sodium hypochlorite) can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application, ensuring a contact time of at least 1 minute, and allowing proper ventilation during and after application. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:

5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water