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Sanitizing My Often Overlooked Car

BY SHANNA O’MARA

Let me start by saying I’m not a germaphobe. Not that I’m unhygienic, but I firmly believe germs build the immune system and exposure to them is just as vital as water and oxygen. I wash my hands like everyone else, but I’ve never been one to carry around hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes. To be quite frank, I’ve never cared enough to.

Obviously that mentality changed a few weeks ago when the coronavirus struck New Jersey and the number of positive cases grew in my town. The pandemic was closing in on us, and I started to worry. I took the recommended precautions, began working remotely, made a face covering, thowed out some odd dinner pairings, and wiped down everything my family and I touch every day – doorknobs, light switches, pens, faucets, phone chargers, etc.

I still traveled a bit, to the grocery store when we needed bread or fruit and to my parents’ house when they needed supplies or help with the dogs. It was while driving home one day that I realized I had taken precautions in all aspects of my life, cleaning all surfaces I come into connect with on a daily basis, but I forgot one place: my car.

Now it’s important to understand that the cleanliness of my car really depends on my emotional stability. My passenger seat is empty and my cupholders are free of gum wrappers when I have my life together. But when I go through a stressful period, my car shows it. This winter has been incredibly taxing for a variety of reasons I won’t bore you with, but I will let you in on an embarrassing, little secret: until last month, I still had pine needles in my back seat. The Christmas tree came home with me in early December, and the spirit of the holidays had lived on ever since.

It was now April, and it felt like time to clear out the pointy, little reminders of a holiday nearly four months past. I vacuumed out my car and threw away any receipts I had lying on my seats. I began wiping down my steering wheel and all the interior and exterior door handles. But I couldn’t stop there. I looked at all the knobs, crevices and buttons I touch every day while I drive and realized I’ve never taken the time to clean them. What better time than during an international health crisis to ensure every surface is clean?

Maybe you’ve done this recently. Maybe you do this periodically. Maybe the giant, navy blue “new” at the top of this page bewilders you. Well, cleaning all these places in my car was new to me so here we go.

I took off my steering wheel cover and threw it away. It was old and ripping anyway, plus who knows how many people have touched that over the years – me, family members who have driven my car, mechanics who have worked on it, workers at the DMV inspection station, etc. It was time for that thing to go. I wiped down my steering wheel and the center pad, though I doubt that horn has been touched more than twice since I’ve owned the car.

Next to clean were the levers on the side of the wheel. Think about how many times you touch those handles to turn on your windshield wipers, dispense wiper fluid, illuminate the headlights and signal a turn. (If you’re one of the frustrating few who refuse to do the latter, you may have been the reason for my two honks over the years.)

Time was then taken to wipe down under the seats as well. My driver seat has a small, metal handle below the cushion that you pull to adjust the seat’s distance from the wheel. That handle is touched quite often as my short legs can’t reach the pedals from far, and my 6-foot-2 boyfriend basically has to sit in the back to drive.

Lysol went a long way on my seats and headrests as well. I’ve never done more than vacuum those which is crazy when I think of how often the cloth is touched. Almost every passenger touches the seat while lowering into the car, and my uncle always pulls the headrest out to place on the floor. (He gets car sick and swears he has to sit in the back but be able to look through the windshield.) Someone new gets in the car, and the headrest is grabbed and reset once again.

With a few wipes left, I tackled the lumbar support wheel, seatbelts, radio volume knobs, visors, back of the rearview mirror, window buttons, door locks, back seat hanger hooks and the front seat ceiling handle my sister grabs when brake lights come a little too close, a little too quickly.

This is by far the cleanest my car has ever been and likely ever will be. But I feel a sense of ease knowing every surface has been wiped down, scrubbed or sprayed. Now I just hope this feeling carries over into other parts of my life and all of yours as well. Be well and take care. We’ll get through this soon.
Dear Residents,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you directly through The Journal. As county clerk for Monmouth County, I am responsible for the recording of all property records for the county, and I oversee a large part of the elections process, manage the county’s open public records system, assist people seeking passports, and store many of the county’s historic records.

During this current health crisis, many government functions from all levels of government have been changed or canceled. I want to make you aware that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the enforcement deadline of the Federal REAL ID Act from October 2020 to Oct. 1, 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The federal government enacted the REAL ID Act after the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks to require better secure identification for domestic travel and access to certain federal facilities. With this one-year extension, residents will now have additional time to comply with the law.

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, starting October 2021, you must have a REAL ID compliant driver license/ID to fly within the U.S., unless you use a U.S. passport or another federally approved form of identification. Until that date, a standard New Jersey driver license will be valid for air travel within the U.S.

Prior to the pandemic, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) had been issuing REAL ID driver license/IDs at the three MVC locations in Monmouth County – Eatontown, Freehold and Hazlet – by appointment only. Now that the federal government has extended the compliance deadline by a full year, the pressure and anxiety of obtaining a REAL ID compliant ID is lifted for the time being. Visit the MVC website at State.nj.us/mvc for more information and to confirm their hours of operation.

I encourage all Monmouth County residents to be mindful of the REAL ID Act compliance deadline of Oct. 1, 2021 by obtaining a REAL ID or alternative, such as a U.S. passport, for future domestic travel by air or entrance to certain federal buildings. Once we get through this difficult health crisis, residents can then turn their attention to complying with the Real ID Act for future travel.

Residents can also obtain U.S. passports, which are Real ID compliant, at the Monmouth County Clerk’s three passport offices located in Freehold, Eatontown and Neptune, once our offices are open to the public again. Visit MonmouthCountyClerk.com for more information about the passport application process and to confirm the status of our hours of operation for our offices.

I hope that you and your families remain healthy. If I can be of any assistance to you, please contact my office by phone at 732-431-7324 or via email to CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us.

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Last month, a local business specializing in microbial, toxin, viral and bacterial removal began disinfecting emergency vehicles in Monmouth County free of charge. All American Restoration spent weekends at local police departments, disinfecting patrol cars and ambulances. The staff visited departments in Red Bank, Little Silver, Hazlet, Middletown, Manalapan, Wall Township, Rumson, Sea Bright, Shrewsbury, Asbury Park, Highlands and Allenhurst.

All American Restoration is committed to helping the first responders of any Monmouth County municipality needing their fleet disinfected. The staff dedicated several days a week to perform this complimentary service.

“We see a window of opportunity with the Paycheck Protection Program to not only keep our employees employed, but to give back to our community,” said Michael Rubino, president of All American Restoration. “If this pandemic has taught us anything, it’s that we – as a business community – need to use our business strengths and capabilities to help the frontline of those keeping us safe. I encourage other local business owners to be creative toward helping their community wherever possible.”

New Jersey State Senator Declan O’Scanlon said, “When the folks at All American Restoration approached me with their idea to convert their technology, expertise and manpower to address an immediate, potentially life-saving critical need of our police and emergency response workers, it was one of those energizing, small victory moments. Their ability to disinfect vehicles quickly and efficiently is a Godsend to the municipalities that have so far been able to take them up on their offer. The fact that they have been willing to perform their initial services for free has been above and beyond in this time of need. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.”

Driven to achieve the highest standards in the remediation industry, All American Restoration recently expanded their remediation services to include COVID-19 disinfecting. They remain committed to remediating using non-toxic botanical products.
When's the last time you washed your car? Clarification: That's actually washed your own car, using a hose, sponges and elbow grease.

Although drive-through car wash facilities are quick and relatively inexpensive (and convenient during winter months to remove road salt), washing your own car lets you focus on the details. It's both physically and financially wise. Some say it's therapeutic and makes you feel good. And if you have children, it can be downright fun to let them help.

Here are some basic recommendations to wash your own vehicle:

1. Gather supplies
   a. Large natural sponges or cleaning mitts. If the wheels and lower body are very dirty, use a separate sponge or mitt.
   b. Three buckets – one for soapy water, another for rinsing the sponge when it gets dirty and a third to wring out the sponge or cloth after cleaning. Make a clean bucket of soapy water after washing the wheels, which are typically the dirtiest part of a vehicle.
   c. A hose with a removable spray attachment.
   d. Car wash shampoo/soap. Avoid household products like dish detergent or hand soap, which can damage the paint or clear coat surface. You may also want to invest in a special cleaning product for the wheels. Also try to choose cleaning products that do not harm the environment if absorbed into the ground.
   e. Clean lint-free microfiber towels for drying. Some people still like traditional leather chamois, although this is open to debate among car enthusiasts.

2. Avoid washing your car on a hot day, when the heat will evaporate the water too quickly. Park the car in the shade, or wash it at dusk – and it must be near a running water spigot. If you've been out driving, let the car cool down.

3. Hose down the car to loosen or remove surface dust, dirt and mud.

4. Mix the soap bucket with the ratio of water and soap recommended on the car soap container.

5. Wash wheels and rims first, using a separate sponge or cloth. Wheels can be contaminated by tiny bits of metallic brake dust that can scratch the car's finish. Do not use the dirty sponge or cloth on the rest of the vehicle. You can also use a soft brush to scrub dirt off the wheels.

6. Pretreat any tough stains on the painted surface. Use a bit of undiluted car wash soap to loosen sap, bird droppings or smashed bugs.

7. Starting at the top of the vehicle, wash and rinse one section at a time, moving the sponge or mitt back and forth, not in circles, which can scratch the paint. Wring out the dirty sponge or cloth in a designated bucket to be dumped in the sink afterward, then rinse in the clean water bucket. If you drop the sponge on the ground, rinse it thoroughly to remove dirt, which can scratch the finish. If either bucket gets dark and dirty, replace with fresh soap and/or water.

8. To rinse soap from the car, some experts recommend removing the hose nozzle and letting water flow over the car, to minimize pooling. Divert the water so it does not reach the sewer drain.

9. Make sure all soap and foam are washed from the car before drying. Dry the car using soft towels, top to bottom. The lower panels and wheels should be dried last, to prevent scratches.

10. Wash headlights, taillights and windows (inside and out) with glass cleaner and a clean towel.

11. Clean the interior dashboard with a microfiber cloth to catch dust and dirt. Use a damp cloth to clean cup holders, door handles, seat belts, steering wheel and other surfaces that get especially dirty.

12. Vacuum the interior floor, including car mats. Recline the seats and vacuum the upholstery and crevices.

13. If your car is older, you may want to wax or polish the exterior finish when the vehicle is completely dry. A newer vehicle will likely still have a good clear coat surface.

14. Launder and dry all cleaning clothes separately, not with your clothing.

15. Finally, take your sparkling car out for a spin!