



# General Guidelines for CLEANING COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS

The following information provides guidance on how to clean electronics including computers, computer peripheral devices, such as screens and monitors, and computer accessories. All electronics in shared and public locations should be frequently cleaned and disinfected.

When cleaning electronics, it is important to follow the manufacturer's recommendations for specific cleaning requirements. The guidance below was adapted from Lenovo [Keeping your computer clean](#), Apple [How to Clean your Apple Products](#) and the CDC [How to Clean and Disinfect](#).

## General cleaning tips

- Unplug all external power sources and cables.
- Use a lint-free cloth such as a screen wipe or cloth made from microfiber.
- Spray the cleaning solution on the cloth and then wipe the electronics.
- Avoid excessive wiping and do not submerge electronics in the cleaning solution.
- Do not use aerosol sprays, bleach or abrasive cleaners.
- Ensure moisture does not get into any openings to avoid damage.
- Never spray cleaner directly on electronics.

## Approved COVID-19 disinfectants safe for computers, accessories and electronics

- Using a Clorox disinfectant wipe or a wipe containing 70% alcohol, carefully wipe the hard, nonporous surface of the computer including the display, screen, keyboard, mouse. If you are concerned about the cleaning product being used, refer to the manufacturer's recommendations and warning label.
- Aqueous ozone spray can be used when sprayed on a cloth.
- When using a disinfectant wipe, it is important to follow the contact time found on the label. It may be necessary to use more than one wipe to keep the surface wet for the recommended contact time.
- Do not use bleach to disinfect computers and electronics.

## Resources

- Lenovo: [Keeping Your Computer Clean](#)
- Apple: [How to Clean your Apple Products](#)
- CDC: [How to Clean and Disinfect](#)

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