

Keep drinks, rain and other sources of moisture away from the flat-screen TV.

Wipe the screen and back of the TV with a lint-free cloth to remove dust

Use a soft cloth dampened with flat-screen TV cleaner to remove stubborn stains. Avoid spraying water or a liquid cleaner directly on the TV screen

LCD Basics: The delicate components of an LCD television should encourage owners to take good care of their flat screens. Be mindful of how atmosphere and temperature may affect the function of your television. Exposing an LCD screen to excessive moisture or humidity can cause discoloration. Use gloves when handling the soft surface of an LCD TV to avoid scratching the screen. Remember to clean the screen often to eliminate glare and fingerprints. Avoid using ethyl or methyl chloride-based cleaning products, as these may permanently compromise color presentation in your TV.

Flat Screen Cleaning Tips: To prevent harmful shifts in temperature, always remember to unplug and cool your flat screen TV before cleaning. Dust often with a linen or microfiber cloth to remove debris and protect against scratching. Both plasma and LCD screens can be safely cleaned with specialty cleaners, i.e. Monster, Bryson, etc., available at most stores that sell TV's or Computers. Never use window or glass cleaner, i.e. Windex or ammonia based products. Never apply cleaning solution directly to the screen. Instead, dampen your cloth with the cleaning mixture and gently wipe down the screen. To remove dust from hard-to-reach corners and edges, try using a cotton swab. Remember to dry any moisture from the screen before turning it back on.

DO: Check the manufacturer recommendations

Before you begin servicing your flat-screen TV or monitor, review the manufacturer instructions for proper care and maintenance. The booklet that came with your device usually clearly states what type of flat-screen TV cleaner to use and what type of cloth or material is adequate for wiping the surface.

DO: Use specially formulated cleaners

Your equipment is delicate and requires a specially formulated flat-screen TV cleaner or monitor cleaner, specifically designed not to be harsh and abrasive. Read the product label to ensure that it works with your device, and ensure you apply it according to the

DON'T: Use harsh cleaners

Using harsh cleaners or solvents can and often does damage the screen and could lead to other problems not covered by your manufacturer warranty. In addition, avoid spraying the cleaner onto the screen directly as the moisture can seep into the electrical components and cause additional damage to the delicate circuitry. Check with the manufacturer for recommendations on cleaners and methods for applying the cleaner to the screen.

DON'T: Use abrasive cleaning wipes

Materials such as newspaper, paper towels, dish cloths, shop rags or other such wipes can cause scratches in your screen and prevent you from having that quality picture you crave. Instead, use an ultra-soft natural fiber or microfiber material to clean the screen.

DON'T: Apply excessive pressure

When cleaning your flat screen, avoid putting excessive pressure on the wipe as this could cause damage to the screen. The material the screen is made of can leave unwanted dark spots or cause sections to burn out if too much pressure is placed in one spot.

If you have questions regarding your equipment, you may want to contact the IT department at ithelpdesk@lakemichigancollege.edu or call the helpdesk at extension 8189 for specific details on care and maintenance