

CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LCD/FLAT PANEL MONITORS

The Office of Information Technology reminds the ISU community that flat panel displays use an electric charge to excite liquid crystal cells suspended between layers of plastic. Flat panel displays are unlike conventional monitors that are made of glass and therefore special care must be taken when cleaning and handling them.

CAUTION: Do not use liquid, aerosol, or abrasive cleaning solutions to clean the screen.

When cleaning a flat panel display or laptop screen:

DO:

- * Shut down the computer
- * Turn off and unplug the monitor
- * Unplug the computer power supply
- * Use a lightly dampened (distilled water only), clean, soft cloth for normal cleaning
- * use a 50/50 distilled water and vinegar or isopropyl alcohol solution if the damp cloth does not work
- * Wipe the screen gently from left to right, starting at the top
- * Wipe off water and any other stains immediately
- * Make sure the screen is completely dry before reconnecting the power

DO NOT:

- * Press hard
- * Use paper towels
- * Spray or pour liquids directly on the screen
- * Use screen wipes, unless the package clearly states they may be used with LCD screens
- * Touch or tap the screen
- * Grip or touch the front of the display
- * Use adhesive tape or Post-It Notes on the screen

When handling (using, lifting, moving, etc.) a flat panel display:

DO:

- * Use care
- * Hold the plastic case only