

Proper Maintenance & Care of Drug Trailer and Vehicle Graphics

Storage

Please be sure to keep the spare tire covered so that it will not sun rot. If the spare does not have a tire cover, please purchase one and send the receipt to the State Drug Awareness Chairman for reimbursement. Include your mailing address along with the receipt and your district.

If at all possible, keep the trailer stored between uses in the shade to protect the graphics from excessive sun damage.

Hand Washing

Hand washing is the preferred method of cleaning the wrapped trailer. Follow these steps:

- Rinse off any loose dirt from the vehicle with clean water
- Use a soft brush or sponge
- Excessive scrubbing will result in a dulling of the wrapped surface
- Rinse soapy residue and dirt particles from trailer with clean running water
- Let trailer air dry

Detergent/Soap

Use a non-abrasive soap for cleaning. The cleaner needs to have a pH level between 3 and 11 and contain no strong solvents.

Automatic Car Washes

Automatic car washes are not recommended because the brushes can catch any loose edges and cause damage to the wrap. The brushes will also scratch and dull the finish of the graphics.

Power Washing

Power washing is not recommended.

Removal of Difficult Contaminants

There are some contaminants that cannot be removed by hand washing. These include oil, tar, pollen, and fungus. Here are the recommended techniques for removing these type of contaminants:

- Oil, tar and other petroleum-based contaminants can be removed with a citrus-based cleanser such as Rapid Remover or 3M Citrus Based Cleaner.
- Pollen and fungus can be removed with common household strength bleach. Rinse immediately with mild soapy water followed by clean water.