

## Cleaning Classroom Computers

So how do you clean an LCD monitor screen without buying any of those expensive LCD Monitor Cleaner solutions (like iCLEAR) or Monitor Wipes available in the market?

**Think of LCD Displays just like the soft and delicate skin of your newborn baby** - Be very gentle and never put even the slightest pressure on the computer screen with your hand.

Second, you need to find a piece of soft cloth - **old cotton handkerchiefs lying in your mom's wardrobe should be fine** but DON'T try tissue papers, toilet rolls or even shower towels as the fabric will scratch your screen permanently.

Either turn the monitor off or **set the background to black and hide all the desktop icons and minimize the open windows.** This will easily help you identify the dirty areas of the monitor.

To prepare the solution for cleaning LCD monitors, you will need deionized or distilled water and vinegar or iso-propyl alcohol - **Don't use tap water or mineral water as they could leave white marks on the screen** because of the dissolved salts.

Dilute the vinegar or IPA with distilled water [1:1] and spray this liquid on the cloth. Never ever spray liquid directly onto the LCD screen. Moisten the cloth with this home made LCD cleaner and gently move the wet cloth in just one direction - from top to bottom.

**Word of Caution:** Be sure that the LCD screen is dry before closing it or using the computer. **Do not use any solutions that contain Acetone, ethyl alcohol, toluene, ethyl acid, ammonia, or methyl chloride.** Never touch the LCD screen with your fingers as this can cause the pixels to burn out.