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See a video from
CP's wheelchair clinic
on July 15:



August 12 on Staten Island: Complimentary Wheelchair Cleanings For People with I/DD and Veterans

CP Unlimited invites people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, veterans, and others who use wheelchairs to book a free evaluation, cleaning, and *sanitizing session to help maintain chair hygiene and personal mobility.

**Sanitizing for non-powered chairs only*

The Cora Hoffman Center

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**2324 Forest Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10303**

To reserve a slot on August 12, please email **Ester Giral** at egirald@cpofnys.org with the time you want to attend and your contact information. For questions, please call

Paul DiGiovanni at 917 509-5370.

Since 1946, Constructive Partnerships (CP) Unlimited has promoted opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve fulfilling lives.



CP Unlimited Wheelchair cleaning services are for:

- Manual/ Standard Wheelchairs



- Custom wheelchairs including tilt in space wheelchairs.



- *Power wheelchairs are not eligible* secondary to the electrical components of these wheelchairs.

As the wheelchair clinic is **NOT** for power wheelchairs, here are some tips CP Unlimited wanted to share to keep your chair clean:

When cleaning power wheelchairs:

- The surface should be cleaned with a wipe such as an aseptic cloth.
- Do not use flowing water to rinse such as a hose or a bucket of water. It is important to not use any running water on the base of the power wheelchair as there are components that are sensitive to water.
- The joystick on a power wheelchair can be cleaned with a damp cloth and a diluted sanitizer. Remember if your wheelchair is not properly dried, it can cause damage.
- For ingrained dirt, try scrubbing lightly with a soft brush.
- If you take your chair outdoors, use a damp cloth to wipe off excess dirt, or wait until the dirt dries off and use a soft brush to brush down the wheels and the base. Use tweezers to get hair and fluff out of your wheels.
- Regular cleaning can help prolong your chair's life and keep well-functioning.

Cleaning Your Power Wheelchair

Before cleaning your power wheelchair with this guide, **it's important to read the manufacturer's maintenance instructions for your power wheelchair for specific cleaning rules** and any methods or materials to avoid. The following instructions are generally applicable to every chair and will help achieve the best results.

You'll Need:

- Disinfectant Spray
- Mild Dish Soap and Detergent
- Compressed Air Can Duster
- Microfiber Towel
- Cleaning Brush or small brush such as toothbrush

Instructions for Cleaning Your Power Wheelchair:

1. Unplug the power chair from its power source
2. Use compressed air to blow out any dust, dirt or debris in the hard to get to areas near the battery region and any other crevices in the wheelchair base.
3. Spray disinfectant to the chair base and wipe off the chair base with a microfiber towel to avoid scratching the paint. Be cautious not to spray the electrical areas. Then wipe clean with a microfiber towel.
4. Use a toothbrush to scrub the joystick area, as well as any extra dirty spots. Be cautious to not use too much cleaner near the electrical areas.
5. Vacuum the seat cushion thoroughly. For vinyl, hand wash it with a mild dish detergent and warm water. Use a rag or cleaning brush to rub the solution into the seat. Be sure to let all seat cushion types air dry before usage.
6. Wheels : Use a damp cloth to wipe off excess dirt, or wait until the dirt dries off and use a soft brush to brush down the wheels and the base. Use tweezers to get hair and fluff out of your wheels.
7. May use a light spray with the air freshener of your choice on all seating surfaces.