



# ***FIREHOUSE MOBILE DETAIL***

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## *Mold Prevention and Cleaning in your car*

**Protect your car from moisture when being stored for a length of time.** Store it in a garage or keep it covered with a waterproof car cover whenever possible. Mold is caused primarily by moisture, so you want to keep the inside of your car as dry as possible. Consider adding an air-dryer product such as Damp-Rid® or Dri-Z-Air® especially during wet months. Follow directions on product and empty often if needed.

**Roll up your windows and tightly close your doors when you are not operating the vehicle.** If you have any leaks around windows, sunroofs, or taillights (common), repair them! Make sure your sunroof drains are clear and functioning. This will keep moisture and debris from getting into your vehicle and help prevent mold growth from forming.

**Avoid eating or drinking in your vehicle.** Spilled food and drinks are common causes of mold, so avoiding having them in your car will help prevent your car from getting moldy. In the real world.... keep a hand towel in the car to wipe up any spilled drinks. I know I can't go without my morning coffee!

**Protect your car's interior.** Spray down the interior of your vehicle with an antimicrobial cleaning product. I use and recommend Odoban®. It's an antimicrobial, anti-fungal and a deodorant available in a few scents and at most big-box stores and online. These products are designed to kill mold growth as well as prevent new mold from growing. Also, put protective seat covers over your seats and waterproof floor mats on your floorboards to keep moisture from absorbing into your car's interior if it happens to get wet. Weathertech liners are a great choice...a bit expensive but well worth it.

**Clean or have your car detailed regularly.** Cleaning is a good way to keep dirt and mold at a minimum, so make sure to keep your car's interior as clean as possible to avoid any unpleasant mold development.



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**Maintain your heating and cooling system.** Mold can grow in your vehicle's heating and cooling system due to condensation and air flow issues. Have your heating and cooling system regularly serviced by a mechanic to prevent mold growth from starting in your air conditioner and spreading throughout your car's interior. Change out your cabin air-filter as recommended by your cars manufacturer. *Part of my Interior Detail is to run an ozone generator in the car and thru the HVAC system to kill off and spores in the system.*

**If you do find areas of mold growing,** clean them with regular white vinegar or Lysol and follow up with an antimicrobial cleaner as mentioned above.

**\*\* Wear gloves, a mask and eye protection when working with or around mold. \*\***

If it's a large area or if you are not comfortable doing it yourself, give me a call to take care of it for you.

**Keep in mind that black mold can be very dangerous to certain groups of people,** and it stains badly. The mold may be dead and gone, but the stains likely will remain. This is especially true on seatbelts.

*Husky Liners* has a good article about mold in cars and prevention.

<https://www.huskyliners.com/blog/post/how-to-get-rid-mold-car>

And as always, send me an email, text or give me a call with any question you might have! *Mike*

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