

Sunbrella® Upholstery Textiles

Care and Cleaning Instructions

W-S: Clean with either a water- or solvent-based cleaning agent

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

It is important to vacuum upholstery regularly to remove loose dirt and surface dust that builds up, before it becomes embedded in the fibers. Use a soft brush to loosen and brush away surface dirt, followed by vacuuming with an upholstery attachment. Periodically, a professional cleaner should thoroughly clean the upholstery to remove the soiling that a normal vacuum cleaner cannot reach.

SPOT CLEANING TREATMENT

As soon as possible, blot liquid spills with an absorbent towel or a clean, colorfast cloth. Avoid using a scrubbing motion, as it may embed the staining material deeper into the fabric. Dry, solid material should be scraped with a blunt instrument and vacuumed. Spray the area with a mild cleaning solution of soap and water. Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue. Air dry the fabric thoroughly before using again.

For oil-based spills, apply an absorbent such as corn starch and let it sit for 10 minutes; then scrape with a blunt instrument. If necessary, proceed with the cleaning process explained below. Blot (don't rub) the stained area with a damp cloth, turning it frequently to avoid redepositing the stain. Repeat this process until the spot is removed or there is no further transfer to the cloth. If there are any rough areas, brush over them with a soft brush or vacuum the area to restore the original texture. Allow the fabric to air dry.

STAIN REMOVAL AND CLEANING

The key to removing water- or oil-based stains is prompt action. The longer the stain is allowed to remain on a fabric, the more difficult it will be to remove. If the spot cleaning treatment above doesn't completely remove the stain, try the steps explained below. Although Sunbrella fabrics can be used both indoors and outdoors, cleaning methods differ slightly based on the fabrication and manufacturing of the furniture. We recommend using the appropriate cleaning instructions for your application.

OUTDOOR UPHOLSTERY:

Cleaning Removable Fabric—*Hand Washing*

Step 1: Soak fabric in a solution of ¼ cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water.

Step 2: Use a sponge or very soft bristle brush to lightly agitate the stain.

Step 3: Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue, and allow the fabric to air dry.

Cleaning Removable Fabric—*Machine Washing*

Some removable casings can be washed in a washing machine, however consult the furniture manufacturer before removing the casing, as cushion construction may vary.

Step 1: Close all zippers. Machine wash in cold water on a delicate cycle with a normal amount of a mild laundry detergent. For severe mold or mildew, add 1 cup of bleach.

Step 2: Allow the fabric to air dry.

Cleaning Non-Removable Fabric

Step 1: Prepare a solution of ¼ cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water.

Step 2: Use a soft bristle brush to clean, allowing the cleaning solution to soak into the fabric.

Step 3: Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue, and allow the fabric to air dry.

Mold and mildew stains

Sunbrella fabrics do not promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances if not removed from the fabric. To remove mold or mildew:

Step 1: Prepare a solution of 1 cup of bleach plus ¼ cup mild soap per gallon of water.

Step 2: Spray solution on entire area and allow to soak into the fabric for 15 minutes.

Step 3: Clean the entire surface area with a sponge, clean towel, or very soft bristle brush.

Step 4: Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue, and allow the fabric to air dry.

For severe mold/mildew growth, bleach quantities may be increased. It is best to clean the entire surface area of the fabric to avoid water rings and stains.

INDOOR UPHOLSTERY:

Hand Washing

Step 1: Apply a light mist of a mild soap and water solution using a spray bottle.

Step 2: Work the solution into the stain by lightly agitating the entire surface area of the fabric, moving from seam to seam with a sponge or very soft bristle brush. Avoid scrubbing, and do not use a hard-bristled brush or other tool that will abrade the fabric.

Step 3: Rinse the entire fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue.

Step 4: Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge.

Step 5: Blot or wet-vacuum excess water from the entire surface area of the fabric, moving from seam to seam.

Step 6: Allow the fabric to air dry.

Step 7: Repeat rinsing and blotting until all soap residue is removed.

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Step 2: Allow the fabric to air dry.

Note: When cleaning upholstered pieces, clean the entire surface area of the fabric from seam to seam, instead of rubbing the stained area in a circular motion. This method, along with an extractor, may be required to avoid water rings and stains.