

# SUNBRELLA FABRIC MAINTENANCE AND CARE

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## Cleaning Sunbrella Outdoor Cushions & Fabrics

### General or Light Cleaning Instructions

Begin by brushing off any loose dirt & debris. Prepare a cleaning solution of 2 ounces (1/4 cup) mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water (less than 100°F/38°C). Using a sponge or a soft bristle brush, clean the material and allow cleaning solution to soak into fabric. After you've cleaned the cushion, rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue. Finally, allow fabric to air dry thoroughly before use.

### Spot Cleaning Instructions

Apply a light mist of mild soap and water using a spray bottle. Work the solution into the stain by lightly scrubbing the area with a sponge or very soft bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue. Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge. Wet-vacuum or blot excess water. Finally, allow fabric to air dry. If you still see some spotting, repeat these steps and ensure all soap residue is removed.

### For Removable Sunbrella Fabric

**Hand Washing** - Soak fabric in a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water. Next, use a sponge or a soft bristle brush as necessary to remove soil. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue and allow fabric to air dry completely.

**Machine Washing** - Machine wash in cold water (less than 100°F/38°C). Depending on wash load size, use normal amounts of mild laundry soap and add 8 ounces (1 cup) of bleach. Allow fabric to air dry. **DO NOT PUT SUNBRELLA FABRIC IN THE DRYER.**

### Heavy Cleaning For Stubborn Stains and Mildew

Sunbrella fabric does not promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the fabric. To clean mildew, or other stubborn stains, prepare a solution of 8 ounces (1 cup) of bleach and 2 ounces (1/4 cup) of mild soap per gallon of clean water. Spray the mixture on entire area and allow it to soak into the fabric for 15 minutes. Next, remove stain with a sponge, clean towel or very soft bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all soap residue and allow fabric to air dry.

If stain and/or mildew are severe, bleach quantities may be increased. View the [stain chart](#) for removal of specific stains.

## Professional Cleaners

In evaluating the services of a professional firm, you should inquire about the firm's experience in working with Sunbrella fabrics and knowledge of cleaning and re-treatment requirements. **DO NOT DRY CLEAN SUNBRELLA FABRICS.**

## Preventative Maintenance For Sunbrella Outdoor Cushions & Fabrics

### Re-treating Sunbrella Fabric For Easy Cleaning

Sunbrella fabrics have a special finish that enhances water repellency. The finish is designed to last for several years of normal use, but may be refreshed after a thorough cleaning or extended use. Glen Raven (the manufacturer of Sunbrella fabrics) recommends 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™ as the preferred re-treatment product for Sunbrella fabrics.

### Applying 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™

To help prevent staining and reduce the need for cleaning, 303 High Tech Fabric Guard should be applied to Sunbrella fabrics after each thorough cleaning, which typically removes the original finish and reduces the fabric's water repellency. Simply follow the instructions for one of the cleaning methods listed above and then apply 303 as directed on the product container.

## Helpful Tips For Sunbrella Fabric Care

Protect the area around your Sunbrella fabric when using a bleach solution – bleach may discolor non-Sunbrella fabrics. Always rinse Sunbrella thoroughly to completely remove bleach.

Sunbrella fabric should always be allowed to air dry. Sunbrella fabric air-dries very quickly. Machine drying is not necessary and, may in fact ruin the fabric.

If fabric has some wrinkling, use an iron, if necessary, but only on the synthetic\* setting. As some irons exceed the recommended 100°F/38°C temperature on the synthetic setting, test a small inconspicuous area before ironing entire piece. **DO NOT USE A STEAMER OR DRY IRON SET TO STEAM.**