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Raft Product Care Guide

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Our new outdoor fabric cushion covers are made from 100% Solution Dyed Acrylic. The fabric is engineered for softness, comfort and its flexibility, and whilst certified by the GREENGUARD® Institute's Children and Schools standard as contributing to healthy indoor air by being a very low emitting interior product, it is also very easily maintained. Wash at a maximum temperature of 40°C.

One of the best ways to keep the fabric looking good and to delay deep or vigorous cleaning is to properly maintain the fabrics. This can be accomplished by simply brushing off dirt before it becomes embedded in the fabrics, wiping up spills as soon as they occur or spot cleaning soon after stains occur. Mildew grows on dirt, pollen and other organic matter, so simple routine cleanings will prevent mildew from forming.

General or light cleaning

1. Brush off any loose dirt.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution of 2 ounces (1/4 cup) mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water (less than 100°F/38°C).
3. Use a sponge or a soft bristle brush to clean.
4. Allow cleaning solution to soak into fabric.
5. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
6. Allow fabric to air dry.

Spot cleaning

1. Apply a light mist of mild soap and water using a spray bottle.
2. Work the solution into the stain by lightly scrubbing the area with a sponge or very soft bristle brush.
3. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
4. Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge.
5. Wet-vacuum or blot excess water.
6. Air dry, Repeat steps 3 and 4 until all soap residue is removed.

For removable Sunbrella fabric

Hand washing

1. Soak fabric in a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water.
2. Use a sponge or a soft bristle brush as necessary.
3. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
4. Air dry.

Machine washing

1. 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.
2. Allow fabric to air dry.

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:

1. Prepare a solution of 8 ounces (1 cup) of bleach and 2 ounces (1/4 cup) of mild soap per gallon of clean water.
2. Spray on entire area and allow to soak into the fabric for 15 minutes.
3. Remove stain with a sponge, clean towel or very soft bristle brush.
4. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.

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5. Allow fabric to air dry.

6. If stain and/or mildew are severe, bleach quantities may be increased.

View the stain chart <http://www.sunbrella.com/cleaning/stain-chart.php> for removal of specific stains.

Re-treating the fabric for ease of 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. 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™ is recommended as the preferred re-treatment product for Sunbrella fabrics.

Applying 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™

303 should be applied to Sunbrella fabrics after each thorough cleaning, which typically removes the original finish and reduces the fabric's water repellency.

1. Clean Sunbrella fabric, using one of the cleaning methods.

2. Allow Sunbrella to completely air dry.

3. Apply 303 Fabric Guard™ in a well-ventilated area following instructions on the container.

4. Apply 303 in a thin, even coat and allow fabric to dry completely.

5. Apply a second thin, even coating of 303. (Two light coatings are more effective in restoring fabric water resistance than a single heavy coating. A 15-ounce bottle provides coverage of up to 50 square feet of fabric.)

For more information, visit www.303products.com.

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.

Helpful hints.

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 air-dries very quickly.

Machine drying is not necessary.

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 iron set to steam setting.

*Synthetic fabric heat settings normally do not exceed 150°F/66°C.

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