Awning fabric care & cleaning

If you have any questions, please call: 860-659-2925

Now that you have your new awning, you'll want it to stay looking at its best for as long as possible. Your awning fabric does come with a warranty protecting against mold, mildew and rot. However, mold and mildew can and will form on the dirt which settles on the fabric surface. Reasonable care should be taken to periodically clean any organic material off of the awning before it becomes deeply embedded into the fibers.

When cleaning your awning, it is important to observe the following:

- Always use a mild soap such as: Ivory Snow, Dreft or Woolite.
- Water should be Cold to Lukewarm. (NO HOT WATER)
- Rinse thoroughly to remove ALL soap residue.
- Air dry only. NEVER apply heat to the fabric.

Washing machine (if suitable)

If an awning is suitable in size for a washing machine, these steps should be followed:

- Use mild soap and/or detergent
- For heavier stains, add 1 cup of bleach to wash.
- Wash and rinse in cold water.
- Air dry (DO NOT place fabric in dryer or use a heating device to dry)
- Re-treatment for water and stain resistance may be necessary after machine washing.

Cleaning your valance

Valances on awnings tend to catch more of the water runoff from roofs or gutters, leaving streaks on the fabric.

Using the machine wash method above is fine for use on the valance only, even if the main awning does not yet need to be cleaned.

General Care & Light Cleaning

To clean the fabric while still on the frame, follow these simple steps:

- Brush off loose dirt and debris.
- Hose the fabric down. (DO NOT use a pressure washer)
- Prepare a cleaning solution of cool water and mild soap. (NO DETERGENTS)
- Use a soft bristle brush (nylon) to clean. Be careful not to scrub the fabric too hard.
- Allow the cleaning solution to soak into the fabric.
- Rinse thoroughly until ALL soap residue is removed.
- Air dry only. DO NOT use a heating device on fabric.

If stubborn stains persist, you can use a diluted chlorine bleach/soap mixture for spot sleaning.

Heavy Cleaning for stubborn stains & mildew

Mold and mildew will not grow on man-made fibers unless there is organic matter (dirt) for the mold or mildew to grow on.
To clean mold, mildew or other stubborn stains:

- Mix...
  - Eight ounces (1 cup) of chlorine bleach
  - Two ounces (1/4 cup) of mild soap
  - One gallon of water.
- Clean with a soft bristle brush.
- Allow mixture to soak into the fabric for up to 15 minutes.
- Rinse thoroughly until ALL soap residue is removed.
- Air dry only. DO NOT use a heating device on fabric.

Depending on age and condition of fabric, re-treatment for water and stain resistance may be necessary.

* Remember to protect the area surrounding your awning if using a bleach solution. Carpet and other fabrics may have an adverse reaction to bleach.