

Sunbrella® Outdoor Upholstery Care and Cleaning

Why care for your Sunbrella outdoor fabrics?

Woven from solution-dyed acrylic fibers, Sunbrella outdoor fabrics are designed to withstand harsh conditions (sun, rain, dust and dirt) thanks to the inherent performance of our proprietary Color to the Core™ technology. We stand behind our Sunbrella fabrics with the most comprehensive warranty in the industry. Regular maintenance is essential to preserve quality and extend their lifespan.

One of the best ways to keep Sunbrella fabrics looking good is to brush off dirt and debris before it becomes embedded in the fabrics and to address messes and clean spills soon after they occur. The quicker you clean spills, the easier they can be to remove.

Try This First... With a new spill or stain on your Sunbrella fabric:

- Remove dust and dirt with a clean, dry cloth or vacuum.
- Blot (don't rub) liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth.
- For oil-based spills, immediately apply an absorbent such as cornstarch, let sit for 10 minutes and then remove with a straight edge.
- Treat stains promptly with a cloth soaked in soapy water or use **Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner**.
- Let sit for 10 minutes and then rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Allow fabric to air dry (do not wring or twist the fabric).

Try This Next... If your first try doesn't get the stain completely out:

Cleaning Removable Fabric

Hand Washing

Soak fabric in a solution of mild soap and lukewarm water or use **Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner**. Use a sponge or a cloth to lightly agitate the stain. Let sit for 10 minutes and then rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue and allow fabric to air dry (do not wring or twist the fabric).

Machine Washing

Some removable casings can be washed in the washing machine. However, consult the furniture manufacturer before removing the casing as cushion construction may vary. To wash, first close all zippers. Machine wash in cold water (30°C) on the delicate cycle with normal amounts of mild laundry detergent. For severe mold or mildew, add 1 cup of bleach. Allow fabric to air dry (do not wring or twist the fabric).

Retreating Sunbrella Fabrics

Sunbrella fabrics are engineered to provide long-term performance. After repeated thorough cleanings, or years of use and exposure, you may choose to refresh your fabrics with an appropriate retreating agent. We recommend **Sunbrella Restore™ Fabric Protector & Repellent**, available in Europe and the United States.

Applying a retreatment:

- Clean Sunbrella fabric, using one of the cleaning methods outlined.
- Allow Sunbrella to completely air dry.
- Apply retreatment in a well-ventilated area following instructions on the container.

Helpful Hints

While Sunbrella fabric offers excellent protection against stains, full removal is not always guaranteed if spills are not addressed promptly.

Avoid scrubbing, hard bristle brushes or any other abrasive cleaning method.

Sunbrella should only be allowed to air dry.

Protect the area around your Sunbrella fabric when using bleach or other chemical solvents that may discolour non-Sunbrella fabrics. Always rinse Sunbrella thoroughly.

Bleach can have harmful effects on the natural environment around you. Please follow all safety and environmental precautions according to the bleach label.

If fabric has some wrinkling, use an iron on the synthetic setting (low temperature). Ironing will also help the fabric regain some water repellency.

As iron temperatures may vary, first test a small inconspicuous area before ironing the entire piece.

DO NOT use a steamer or an iron set to the steam setting.

Cleaning Non-Removable Fabric

Prepare a solution of mild soap with lukewarm water or use **Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner**. Use with a clean, dry cloth to clean, allowing the cleaning solution to soak into the fabric. Rinse thoroughly to remove all residue and allow fabric to air dry.

Oil-Based Stains

If a stubborn oil-based stain persists after cleaning, use **Sunbrella Extract™ Oil Based Stain Remover** or treat with a strong degreaser and rinse thoroughly.

Mold and Mildew

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:

- Prepare a solution of 1 cup of bleach and 1/4 cup mild soap per 3.8 litres of water.
- Spray on entire area and allow to soak into the fabric for 15 minutes.
- Clean entire surface area with a sponge, clean towel or very soft bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Air dry.

For severe mold/mildew growth, bleach quantities may be increased.

Specific information on spill cleaning is available in our [Cleaning Guide](#).



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Seam-To-Seam Cleaning

For best results when cleaning upholstered pieces, clean the entire surface area of the fabric, from seam to seam, instead of rubbing the fabric in a circular motion on the spill. This method, along with an extractor, may be required in order to avoid water rings and residue.

Protection against weather and mildew

- Avoid standing moisture: do not leave fabrics wet.
- Use protective covers when not in use to prevent moisture and wear. Make sure fabrics are dry before you cover them.
- Winter storage: store in a dry, well-ventilated place to prevent mildew and fading.
- Regular inspection: check seams, snags, and stains so you can act quickly.

Mistakes to avoid

- Ignoring care instructions: risk of damaging the fabric.
- Prolonged exposure to moisture: encourages mildew and fading.
- Harsh products: strong detergents, alcohol, or abrasives can damage colour, texture, and waterproof protection.
- Carpet shampooer: use sparingly.
- Creases: iron on a low setting.
- Foam: use high-density outdoor-specific foam designed to resist moisture and prevent degradation outdoors.