

How to Clean a Fabric Awning

When it's time for thorough cleaning, fabric awnings can be cleaned while still on an awning frame.

When cleaning fabric awnings, it is important to observe the following:

1. Always use a mild detergent such as Woolite or Dawn dishwashing liquid.
2. Water should be cold to lukewarm. Rinse thoroughly to remove all detergent residue.
3. Air dry only. Never apply heat to fabric.

General or light cleaning

1. Brush off loose dirt. Hose down.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution of water and mild detergent, such as Woolite or Dawn dishwashing liquid.
3. Use a soft bristle brush to clean. Allow cleaning solution to soak into the fabric.
4. Rinse thoroughly until all detergent residue is removed.
5. Air dry. May not require re-treatment depending on the age of the fabric.

If stubborn stains persist, you can use a diluted chlorine bleach/detergent mixture for spot cleaning of mildew, roof run-off or other similar stains.

Heavy cleaning for stubborn stains and mildew

All fabric do 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. (1 cup) of chlorine bleach.
2. (1/4 cup) of mild detergent.
3. One gallon of water.
4. Clean with soft bristle brush. Allow mixture to soak into fabric for up to 15 minutes.
5. Rinse thoroughly until all detergent residue is removed. Air dry.
6. Repeat if necessary. Re-treatment of fabric for water and stain resistance will be necessary.

Remember to protect the area around your fabric if using a bleach solution. Carpet or other fabrics may have an adverse reaction to the bleach..

Professional awning cleaners

You may have access to professional awning cleaning firms. In evaluating the services of a professional firm, you should inquire about a firm's experience in working with awning fabrics and knowledge of cleaning and re-treatment requirements. **DO NOT dry clean awning fabrics.**

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