

## CARE & CLEANING

**Q** Is dry cleaning safe for Sunbrella® fabric covers?

**A** Never dry clean Sunbrella® fabrics! Just follow the simple cleaning instructions here. Should you require professional cleaners, please contact the nearest Suniture® office for assistance. Our experience in working with Sunbrella® fabrics and knowledge of cleaning and re-treatment requirements guarantee you will have good looking fabrics for a long time.

**Q** How do I clean my umbrella and cushion covers?

**A** For general or light cleaning, first brush off any loose dirt. Prepare a cleaning solution of 60ml mild soap per 3.8 litres of lukewarm water (less than 38°C). Use a sponge or a soft bristle brush to clean. Allow the cleaning solution to soak into the fabric. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue. Finally, allow fabric to air dry.

For removable Sunbrella® fabric umbrella and cushion covers, machine wash in cool water (less than 38°C). Depending on wash load size, use normal amounts of mild laundry soap. Allow fabric to air dry.

**Q** What about for spot cleaning?

**A** Apply a light mist of our recommended cleaning solution 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. Repeat these steps until stain is removed.

**Q** How do you remove mildew?

**A** 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 235 ml (1 cup) of bleach and 60 ml (1/4 cup) of mild soap per gallon of clean water. Spray on the entire area and allow to soak into the fabric. Scrub vigorously with a soft bristle brush, sponge, or clean towel. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue. Then, allow fabric to air dry.

If stain and/or mildew are severe, bleach quantities may be increased. When using a washing machine, use cold water (less than 38°C) and depending on wash load size, use normal amounts of mild laundry soap and add 1 cup of bleach. Alternatively, you may ask our office for assistance. Maintenance and cleaning charges may apply.



**Q** How is the water repellency of the fabrics maintained?

**A** Sunbrella® fabrics have a special finish that enhances water repellency which is designed to last for several years of normal use. After a thorough cleaning or extended use, it is highly recommended that they be retreated with 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™.

**Q** How is 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™ used?

**A** 303 should be applied to Sunbrella fabrics after each thorough cleaning, which typically removes the original finish and reduces the fabric's water repellency. When the fabric has dried completely, apply 303 Fabric Guard™ in a well-ventilated area following the instructions on the container. Apply it in a thin, even coat and allow fabric to dry completely. 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 450ml bottle provides coverage of up to 465 sq. cms .)

**Q** Can covers be ironed?

**A** After some time and the fabric has developed a few wrinkles, use an iron, if necessary, but only on the synthetic setting (normally do not exceed 66 degrees C). Never use a steamer or an iron set to steam setting. Remember to retreat with 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™ after ironing.