

Sunbrella® Upholstery Care and Cleaning



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

Try this first... With a new spill on your Sunbrella fabric.

- Blot (don't rub) liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth.
- For oil-based spills, apply an absorbent such as cornstarch, then remove with a straight edge.
- Spray on a mild cleaning solution of soap and water or use [Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner](#).
- Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Air dry.

Try this next... If your first try doesn't get the spill out.

Though Sunbrella fabrics can be used both outdoors and in, your cleaning methods should differ slightly based on the fabrication and manufacturing of the furniture. We recommend using the appropriate cleaning instructions for your application.

Outdoor Upholstery

Cleaning Removable Fabric

Hand Washing

Soak fabric in a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water. Use a sponge or very soft bristle brush to lightly agitate the spill. Then rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue and allow fabric to air dry.

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 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.

Cleaning Non-Removable Fabric

Prepare a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water, or use [Sunbrella Clean Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner](#). Use a soft bristle brush to clean, allowing the cleaning solution to soak into the fabric. Rinse thoroughly to remove all residue and allow fabric to air dry. For tough, colored stains, use [Sunbrella Erase™ Spot & Stain Remover](#).

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.

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.

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

Retreating Sunbrella Fabrics

After repeated thorough cleanings, or extended use and exposure, you may choose to refresh your fabrics with an appropriate retreating agent. We recommend [Sunbrella Restore™ Fabric Protector & Repellent](#), available in the United States, and [Tex'Aktiv](#), available internationally.

Applying a retreatment:

- Clean Sunbrella fabric, using one of the cleaning methods outlined.
- Allow fabric to completely air dry.
- Apply retreatment outdoors 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 discolor 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. 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.

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 and mildew:

- Prepare a solution of 1 cup of bleach and 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of water or use [Sunbrella Renew™ Mold & Mildew Stain Remover](#).
- 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 and mildew growth, bleach quantities may be increased. We recommend using our [Sunbrella Renew Mold & Mildew Stain Remover](#).

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Indoor Upholstery

- Apply a light mist of mild soap and water using a spray bottle or use [Sunbrella Clean Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner](#).
- Work the solution into the stain by lightly agitating the entire surface area of the fabric, moving from seam to seam, with a sponge or a very soft bristle brush. Avoid scrubbing, and do not use a hard-bristled brush or anything that will abrade the fabric.
- Rinse the entire fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge.
- Blot or wet-vacuum excess water from the entire surface area of the fabric, moving from seam to seam.
- Air dry. Repeat rinsing and blotting until all soap residue is removed.
- For tough, colored stains, use [Sunbrella Erase Spot & Stain Remover](#).

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Seam-To-Seam Cleaning

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Professional Cleaners

Before enlisting the help of a professional cleaner, we recommend inquiring about a firm's experience working with Sunbrella fabrics and knowledge of cleaning and retreatment requirements.