

Marine Upholstery Care and Cleaning



Sunbrella® fabrics are made to last through years of life on the water—and the mold, mildew, and salt residue that come with it. An essential part of maintaining durability and long-lasting performance is regular care.

General or Light Cleaning

- Brush off any loose dirt.
- 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.
- Prepare a cleaning solution of mild soap and water or use [Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner](#) for spot cleaning or [Sunbrella Marine Clean™ Multi-Purpose Boat Wash](#) for full boat cleaning.
- Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Air dry.

For Removable Sunbrella 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

Machine wash in cold water. Depending on wash load size, use normal amounts of mild laundry detergent and add 1 cup of bleach. Allow fabric to air dry.

Heavy Cleaning for Stubborn Spills and Mildew

Sunbrella fabrics do not promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the fabric.

To clean stubborn spills:

- Prepare a solution of 1 cup of bleach and 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of clean water or use [Sunbrella Renew™ Mold & Mildew Stain Remover](#).
- Spray on entire area and allow to soak into the fabric for 15 minutes.
- Remove spill with a sponge, clean towel or very soft bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Allow fabric to air dry.
- Retreatment of fabric for water and stain resistance will be necessary after using bleach solution.

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

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

For full boat cleaning, use [Sunbrella Marine Clean™ Multi-Purpose Boat Wash](#), our biodegradable and marine-safe all-in-one solution for your entire boat.

Sunbrella Marine Clean is safe to use on a variety of marine surfaces, including: fabric, vinyl, fiberglass, metal, glass, plexiglass, painted, varnished, and wood surfaces.

Helpful Hints

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

Protect the area around the Sunbrella fabric when using a bleach solution – bleach may discolor non-Sunbrella fabrics. Always rinse Sunbrella thoroughly to completely remove bleach.

Please be aware of the environment when cleaning with bleach. Bleach can have harmful effects on the natural environment around you. We do not advise using bleach if you are surrounded by a body of water or other environment that could be affected.

Sunbrella should only be allowed to air dry.

If fabric has some wrinkling, use an iron, if necessary, but only on the synthetic setting. As some irons exceed the recommended temperature on the synthetic setting, test a small inconspicuous area before ironing entire piece.

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

Oil-Based Spills

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

Sunbrella fabrics are engineered to provide long-term performance. 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'Activ](#), available internationally.

Applying a retreatment:

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

Professional Cleaners

In evaluating the services of a professional cleaner, you should inquire about the firm's experience in working with Sunbrella fabrics and knowledge of cleaning and retreatment requirements.

DO NOT dry clean Sunbrella fabrics.