



General Care And Cleaning Instructions For Selected Awning, Marine, And Industrial Fabrics

Trivantage® offers the most exceptional awning, marine, and industrial fabrics in the industry. To maximize the life of your product, we recommend proper maintenance throughout its lifespan. The following are suggestions for care and cleaning of selected fabrics. The general guidelines – keeping dirt, leaves, and debris from accumulating on the surface, regularly washing with water, avoiding dragging on rough surfaces, etc. – applies to all fabrics used in outdoor applications.

Note: Trivantage offers a complete line of cleaning and protection products for industrial fabrics.

Tips on care of Trivantage awning, marine and industrial fabrics

The lifespan of your fabrics depends on the way you use and care for them. Your fabrics are made from either cotton or synthetic fibers. Even the most durable materials require a certain amount of care, and with only a minimal amount of attention, your fabrics are easy to maintain. Use the following do's and don'ts to properly care for your awning, marine, and industrial fabrics. Preserve the life and beauty of awning, marine, and industrial fabrics by following these suggestions and general tips:

Some Do's

- Do keep the fabric clean. This is the best protection against mildew. Even on mildew resistant fabric, mildew can grow on accumulated dirt or foreign materials that remain on the top or bottom surface and eventually damage or stain the fabric. We cannot be responsible for such damage.
- Do wash down your fabrics. If they are vinyl coated, brush lightly with a cloth or soft brush. You can use mild soap but rinse thoroughly and immediately.
- Do hose your fabric with clean water occasionally, every month or so. We recommend that you do this on a hot, sunny day.
- Do keep the underside of your fabrics clean by simply brushing with a clean household broom or brush.
- Do keep shrubbery and vines away from an awning, as many bushes contain an acid that can be harmful to your awnings.
- Do check the condition of any frames. Rust is not likely to form, but it might cause deterioration or staining of the fabric if it should.

Some Don'ts

- Do Not fold or roll awning fabric in cold temperature.
- Do Not drag your awning, marine, or industrial fabrics across any abrasive surfaces, such as cement, asphalt, or the awning frame.
- Do Not get insect spray on the fabric, as some solutions may impair the water repellency of the fabric and cause staining.
- Do Not allow water to stand on the fabrics, causing pocketing and possible stretching.
- Do Not overlook small rips or tears. Repair your fabric if a sharp object punctures it.
- Do Not wash your fabrics with a harsh or strong solution, or scrub too vigorously with an abrasive cleaner.
- Do Not force or yank an awning when raising or lowering them. Do it gradually.
- Do Not cook food or have fires beneath or around the fabrics.
- Do Not store fabrics when damp or wet. Dampness causes mildew and is a fabric's greatest foe. Mildew may grow on the surface of a damp fabric and permanently stain the fabric.
- Do Not permit leaves, twigs, dirt etc., to remain on your fabric as they might cause staining.