

GENERAL CARE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED FABRICS

Trivantage® offers the finest awning and marine fabrics in the industry, but proper maintenance is important if maximum life of the end product is desired. The following are suggestions for care and cleaning of selected fabrics, but the general guidelines – keep dirt, leaves and debris from accumulating on the surface, wash regularly with water, avoid dragging on rough surfaces, etc. – pertain to all fabrics used in outdoor applications.

Note: Trivantage offers a complete line of cleaning and protection products for industrial fabrics. See your Trivantage Distribution Center for more information.

Tips on Care of Trivantage Awning Fabrics

The life and good looks of your awnings depend a great deal on the way you use them and how you care for them. Your awnings are made from either a cotton or synthetic fabric, either of which is the finest awning fabric available. We use only the best available water repellents and mildew retardants in Trivantage awning fabrics and you can rely on our experience and quality. Even the most durable materials require a certain amount of care, and fabric awnings are no exception. With only the minimum amount of attention, your awnings will remain bright and serviceable. The following do's and don'ts are presented to help you in the proper care of your awning. The life and beauty of an awning can be preserved by following these suggestions and general tips.

Some Do's

Do keep the awnings clean. This is the best protection against mildew. Even on mildew resistant fabric, mildew can grow on accumulated dirt or foreign materials which 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 awnings. If they are vinyl coated, brush lightly with a cloth or soft brush. You can use a mild soap, but rinse thoroughly and immediately.

Do hose your awning 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 awnings clean by simply brushing with a clean household broom.

Do keep shrubbery and vines away from the awnings, as many bushes contain an acid which can be harmful to your awnings.

Do check the condition of awning frames. Rust is not likely to form, but if it should it might cause deterioration or staining of the fabric.

Some Don'ts

Do Not fold or roll the awning in cold temperature.

Do Not drag your awning 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 awnings, causing pocketing and possible stretching.

Do Not overlook small rips or tears. If a sharp object punctures the fabric, it should be repaired.

Do Not wash your awnings with a harsh or strong solution, or scrub too vigorously with an abrasive cleaner.

Do Not force or yank your awnings when raising or lowering them. Do it gradually.

Do Not cook food or have fires beneath or around the awning.

Do Not store awnings when damp or wet. Mildew is a fabric's greatest foe and is caused by dampness. Mildew may grow on the surface of a damp awning and permanently stain the fabric.

Do Not permit leaves, twigs, dirt etc. to remain on your awnings as they might cause a staining of the fabric.

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