

# Outdoor Upholstery Care & Cleaning

The best practice to keep fabrics looking their best is to clean them regularly and act quickly when accidents occur. Brush off dirt, hose off salt and chlorine and wipe up spills before they have an opportunity to become embedded in the fabric. The quicker you clean spills and stains, the easier they can be to remove.

## Try This First

- Blot (don't rub) liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth.  
(For oil-based spills, apply an absorbent such as corn starch, then remove with a straight edge.)
- Spray on a mild cleaning solution of soap (such as Dawn) and water.
- Rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- Air dry

## Try This Next

### Cleaning Removable Fabric

#### Hand Washing

Soak fabric in a solution of ¼ cup mild soap per litre of lukewarm water. Use a sponge or very soft bristle brush to lightly agitate the stain. Then rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue, and allow fabric to air dry.

#### Machine washing

Most cushions which are zip-off can be machine washed. To wash, first close all zippers. Machine wash in lukewarm water on the delicate cycle with normal amounts of mild laundry detergent. For severe mould or mildew, add 1 cup of bleach. Allow to air dry.

### Cleaning Non-Removable Fabric

Prepare a solution of ¼ cup mild soap per litre of lukewarm water. Use a soft bristle brush to clean, allowing the solution to soak into the fabric. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue & allow to air dry.

### Helpful Hints

- Avoid scrubbing, hard bristle brushes or any other abrasive cleaning method.
- Fabric should only be allowed to air dry.
- Protect the area around your fabric when using bleach or other chemical solvents, they may discolour other fabrics. Always rinse thoroughly.
- Bleach can have harmful effects on the natural environment around you. Please follow all safety and environmental precautions according to the label.
- **DO NOT** use a steamer or iron set to the steam setting.

### Mould and mildew stains

Our fabrics do not promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances if not removed from the fabric. To remove mould or mildew:

- Prepare a solution of 1 part bleach and ¼ cup mild soap per 9 parts of water.
- 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 mould or mildew growth, you may have to repeat. It is best to clean the entire surface area of the fabric to avoid water, rings and stains.

### Bleach Dilution Chart for Mould:

1:10 dilution	5ml of bleach + 45ml water
(1 part bleach : 9 parts water)	6 tsp bleach + 1 cup of water