

# Sunbrella® Drapery Care and Cleaning

One of the best ways to keep Sunbrella® Draperies looking good is to brush off dirt before it becomes embedded in the fabric and clean 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 drapery.

- Blot (don't rub) liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth.
- 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...** If your first try doesn't get the spill completely out.

### **Add Bleach**

For more stubborn stains, we would recommend adding a 1:5 ratio of bleach to the soap and water solution mentioned above.

### **Seam-to-Seam Cleaning**

When cleaning, clean the entire surface area of the drapery, from seam to seam, instead of rubbing the fabric in a circular motion on the spill only. This method may be required in order to avoid water rings and residue.

### **Oil-Based Spills**

Immediately apply an absorbent such as cornstarch directly on the oil-based spill. Let sit for 10 minutes and remove the excess using a straight edge or ruler. This helps remove the spill and prevents it from being pressed into the fabric. Then proceed with the cleaning process.

For other spills, products such as 303® Multi-Surface Cleaner, Dawn®, or Resolve® are applicable. Specific information on spill cleaning is available at [sunbrella.com/cleaningguide](http://sunbrella.com/cleaningguide)

### **Machine Wash**

Machine wash your drapery on delicate cycle with cold water, then air dry. Do not machine dry.

### **Steam to Remove Wrinkles**

Use a steamer or steam iron set to the synthetic setting to remove wrinkles and creases from your drapery. As iron temperatures may vary, first test a small inconspicuous area before ironing the entire piece.

### **Professional Cleaners**

Inquire about a firm's experience working with Sunbrella fabrics and knowledge of cleaning requirements.

## **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 other materials and area around your Sunbrella fabric when using bleach or other chemical solvents that may discolor other components (grommets, corner weights, etc.). 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.