



## Clean and Care of Aluminum Fence and Railings

### Ensure regular cleaning

As with many coated surfaces, regular cleaning will extend the life of the surface and retain its appearance. Cleaning should be conducted routinely at three month intervals and six months should be considered the longest interval. In industrial or marine locations particular attention should be paid to regular care due to the harsher atmosphere.

- Clean with a dilute solution of mild liquid detergent and warm water. Avoid excessively hot solutions. Automotive based car wash detergents and standard deck cleaning detergents can also be used. Be sure to read all manufactures directions to make sure it is safe for use of painted surfaces. It is recommended that a small test area be checked first.
- Use a soft bristle brush or cotton rag. Do not use abrasive tools on the coating. After cleaning, rinse thoroughly with fresh water. Ensure that areas that are not normally exposed to rain are washed and rinsed also.
- An electric pressure washer may also aid in cleaning. The use of a pressure washer with greater than 1,500 PSI and/or applied to closer that 10” from the surface could damage the powder coat surface.
- Do not use strong solvent type cleaners. Where the use of solvent is required, such as cleaning paint spills, use nothing other than Methylated Spirits. Ensure that the contact time is as short as possible, and rinse the solvent cleaner thoroughly from the surface with copious amounts of fresh water. It is strongly recommended that a small test area be checked first. To ensure that no damage will occur to the whole area.
- Do not use Acetates, Dulon Thinners, Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) or Petrol products. Highly acidic cleaners are not recommended either.
- If you reside in a cold weather climate where ice and snow periodically come in contact with your deck, use calcium chloride or rock salt to melt the ice and snow