

VINYL FENCE & RAILING CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Rinse Thoroughly

To clean vinyl fence and railing, you may not need a pressure washer. In fact, using a pressure washer on a high setting could damage the vinyl. First, try a garden with moderate pressure and methodically rinse away any debris or grime that's accumulated on the surface.

Clean Gently

If additional cleaning is necessary - always keep in mind that less is more. If you start off cleaning your too aggressively, you could be left with destroyed vinyl. To clean off any mold, mildew, or debris, start with a simple soap solution made with detergent and water. Alternatively, you can also use a solution of vinegar and water. Try cleaning just one spot first to make sure your cleaner of choice is safe to use. Then, spend a few minutes scrubbing with the cleaner and a soft brush, and rinse with water. For trickier spots, consider letting the soap solution sit for 30 minutes before scrubbing. If your vinyl fence or railing needs a little extra attention, try using a vinyl cleaner, which is available at most hardware stores. Whatever you use, avoid steel wool and other abrasive cleaners. These can damage the gloss and discolor the vinyl.

Attack Algae and Dark Marks

If you've tried the first two steps and still have dirt/grime in the nooks and crannies, it could be algae – which is usually the result of tree sap and/or shaded areas that do not completely dry between precipitation. At this point, progress to using a pressure by washer at a low setting. If, after rinsing first, the stain is still there, try scrubbing it off with a soft brush. An anti-algae product (typically found in pool stores) can also be used but make sure to test a small area first to avoid widespread discoloration If you've noticed some dark, scratch-like marks on your railing, try using a cleaning product like Soft Scrub, Scrubbing Bubbles, or Mr. Clean Magic Eraser. Apply the product, let sit it for however long the directions dictate, and then wipe it away. Always rinse with water thoroughly to avoid streaking and remove cleaner residue.

*Annual Cleaning is Recommended