



VINYL CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Vinyl Fence, Deck and Guardrail is a low maintenance exterior building product. It may become dirty as does a freshly painted house, a new automobile, or any other products that are exposed to atmospheric conditions. Because of its low maintenance, highly weatherable surface, vinyl is the material of choice in today's outdoor market.

Follow the below care and maintenance guidelines for our Vinyl Fence, Deck and Guardrail products to maintain the look year after year.

- Avoid exposing vinyl product to excessive or unusual heat sources. (Grills, outdoor fire areas/pits, windows and doors with reflective glass)
- Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight may cause darker colors to become hot to touch. This effect can be minimized with umbrellas, awnings or other shade producing fixtures.
- Do not paint any vinyl fence, deck or guardrail profile.
- Some spray-on bug spray and sunscreen products may cause discoloration of the vinyl product surface. It is recommended to apply these products indoors, off the deck, away from railing and fence, or in such a way that over spraying of product will not come in contact with the vinyl product.
- It is recommended to avoid using welcome mats on any vinyl, as this may lead to discoloration of surfaces.

With very little effort, you can keep your vinyl fence, deck or guardrail clean. In most cases, a heavy rain is sufficient to clean these products. The following are based on a Vinyl Window and Door Institute study of the efficiency of cleaning agents and their effects on the appearance of vinyl window frames after two years of outdoor exposure. *(Note: Our compound for window and door profiles matches that of our compound for our vinyl fence, deck or guardrail products.)* If rain does not do the job, follow these simple instructions at least once every three (3) months:

- Wash using a soft cloth or ordinary soft bristle brush
- General cleaning can be done using soap and water.



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- When dealing with persistent stains, do not use an abrasive cloth, pad or cleaner that could scratch the vinyl surface. We recommend using foam cleaning pads such as Mr. Clean® Magic Eraser® or Scotch-Brite™ Easy Eraser. (Excessive rubbing pressure may remove the glossy shine from the vinyl product.)
- In some cases, you may wish to use a mildly abrasive cleaner, such as Soft Scrub®, Ajax®, Bon Ami®, etc., but the use of any abrasive material could have a negative effect on the surface of vinyl fence, deck or guardrail profiles.
- Do not use cleaners containing aggressive organic solvents because they could affect the surface appearance of the vinyl. Examples of such cleaners are: straight chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, strong soaps and detergents containing organic solvents, nail polish remover and furniture polish/cleaners.
- Power washing is an acceptable method for cleaning our decking product. (Pressure washer should be set to manufacturer's recommended setting for vinyl to avoid damage.)
- It is recommended to test any cleaning product in an inconspicuous area before applying on the full vinyl surface
- For difficult-to-remove dirt and stains such as top soil, motor oil, lithium grease, crayon, felt-tip pen, caulking, lipstick, grass, bubble gum, mold and mildew, use the readily available household cleaners listed below. Follow manufacturer's instructions on use of cleaners.
- Bleach (10%) & Water (90%) – Mold/Mildew
- Brillo® Pad – Paint
- Fantastik® - Bubble Gum, DAP, Felt-Tip Pen, Grass, Lipstick, Lithium Grease, Mold/Mildew, Motor Oil, Rust, Top Soil
- Lestoil® - Crayon, Lithium Grease, Top Soil
- Lysol® - Grass, Lipstick, Motor Oil
- Murphy's Oil Soap® - Bubble Gum, Grass, Lipstick, Lithium Grease, Motor Oil, Rust, Top Soil, Tree Sap
- Soft Scrub® - Oil, Pencil, Tar
- Water (70%) & Vinegar (30%) Solution – Bubble Gum, Mold/Mildew
- Windex® - Bubble Gum, Grass, Lithium Grease, Mold/Mildew, Motor Oil, Rust