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Patio 500 Care & Cleaning

One of the best ways to keep your awning fabric looking good and to delay the need for deep or vigorous cleaning is to hose off the awnings on a monthly basis with clear water. This practice will help prevent dirt from becoming deeply imbedded in the fabric and eliminate the need for more frequent vigorous cleanings. In most environments, a thorough cleaning will be needed every two to three years. When it is time for a cleaning, the fabric can be cleaned while still on the awning frame. We do not recommend using a power/pressure washer. That is not necessary to clean the fabric. Please see the cleaning instructions for proper care.

When cleaning Patio 500 fabric, it is important to observe the following:

- Always use a mild detergent (i.e. Dawn Dish Detergent)
- Water should be cold to lukewarm, never more than 100 degrees.
- Air dry only.
- Brush off loose dirt.
- Hose down.
- Prepare cleaning mixture of water and mild detergent.
- Use a soft bristle brush to clean.
- Rinse thoroughly.
- Air dry.

General Care for Patio 500 fabric:

- Hose down awnings regularly and allow the fabric to dry completely. Mildew will grow on any accumulated dirt or foreign materials and eventually penetrate and damage fabrics.
- Keep awning underside clean by brushing with a clean household broom.
- Keep all shrubs and vines clear of awnings as many plants contain acids harmful to fabrics.
- Repair any small rips or tears promptly.
- Do not overspray fabric with insect repellents as some insecticides will stain fabric.
- Do not use charcoal, gas or electric grills beneath awnings.
- Do not permit leaves, twigs or other organic debris to remain on awnings.

Please be advised that the use of harsh chemicals and strong detergents can damage the fabric and void your warranty. Capital Canopies, Inc. offers cleaning services to their customers.