



SUNBRELLA® Contract Fabrics - Care and Cleaning

General Cleaning Tips

- Cleaning is easier and more effective the sooner it is performed.
- Lift liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth.
- Blot, or roll the cloth. Rubbing can force the stain into the fabric.
- Begin with mild cleaning solutions such as soap and water. Use progressively stronger solutions if necessary.
- Bleach and solvents will not damage the fabric, but may not be necessary to clean stains.
- Sunbrella Contract and Sunbrella Contract with Defiance finish may be cleaned with Quat-based, phenolicbased, and sodium hypochlorite (bleach) based cleaners with a pH less than 12 (reference the products' MSDS sheet).
- Avoid scrubbing, hard bristle brushes and anything that will abrade the fabric.
- Thorough rinsing to remove cleaning agent residue is important.
- Avoid excess heat or steam. The fabric will air dry quickly.

For Light Stains

1. Remove dried or excess stain by lightly brushing, scraping, or vacuuming, taking care not to abrade or damage the fabric.
2. Lift as much liquid spill as possible with a dry, clean cloth, using a blotting or rolling motion to avoid pressing the liquid into the fabric.
3. Saturate the stain and surrounding area of the fabric with water and cleaner.
4. Use a sponge, clean towel, or soft bristle brush to loosen the stain being careful not to abrade the fabric.
5. Rinse thoroughly to remove all cleaning agent residue.
6. Vacuum or blot excess water with a clean towel.
7. Let the fabric air dry.
8. Repeat until the stain is completely removed, or proceed to Stubborn Stains below.

For Stubborn Stains

1. Add 1 cup of bleach and 1/4 cup of soap to 1 gallon of warm water.
2. Saturate the affected area using the cleaning solution.
3. Use a sponge, clean towel, or soft bristle brush to loosen the stain.
4. Rinse thoroughly to remove all cleaning agent residue.
5. Vacuum or blot excess water with a clean towel.
6. Let the fabric air dry.

Body Fluids

The cleaning procedures on this page can remove blood and other body fluids. Always follow appropriate biohazard safety protocol during the cleaning process.

Sunbrella Contract with Defiance Finish

Follow the normal cleaning instructions for Sunbrella Contract fabric when cleaning Sunbrella Contract fabric with the Defiance antimicrobial finish. Quat-based, phenolbased and bleach-based cleaners are safe for the Defiance finishes.

Specific Stains

Consult the Sunbrella Contract Fabric Stain Chart for suggested cleaning agents for specific stains. Always rinse thoroughly to remove the cleaning agent once the stain is removed.

Deep Cleaning

Deep cleaning for large areas or set stains is best accomplished through upholstery wet extraction, being careful to avoid the excess heat of steam cleaning. Consult a professional cleaning service if this expertise is not available.



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This chart contains our recommended cleaning methods of Sunbrella® Contract fabric for some of the most common and toughest stains.

The fabric is specifically engineered to resist stains, and to be cleaned using all cleaning solutions described below.

STAIN	RECOMMENDED CLEANING SOLUTIONS
Berry	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction.
Betadine	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction.
Blood (dried)	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction.
Charcoal, pencil marks	Vacuum, then Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction.
Catsup or mustard	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction,
Chewing gum	Volatile solvent (acetone) 100%
Chocolate	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / vinegar (4 oz.) / Warm water extraction.
Coffee	Mild soap / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Cola	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Egg (raw)	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Food color	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / white vinegar (3 oz.) / Warm water extraction
Germicide	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction.
Grape juice	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Gravy	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Hand Sanitizer	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction.
Iodine	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction.
Lotion	Pine Power® or pine oil detergent / water (mix as directed)
Mascara	Mild soap (2 oz.) / vinegar / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Milk	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Tea	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Tomato Juice	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / Warm water extraction
Urine	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / white vinegar (3 oz.) / Warm water extraction
Vomit	Mild soap (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / white vinegar (3 oz.) / Warm water extraction

For detailed instructions on care and cleaning, visit mayerfabrics.com.