



# CLEANING GUIDE

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## Cleaning Umbrella Canvas

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Cleaning should be carried out on a bi-monthly basis to keep the umbrella canopy looking it's best. The umbrella canopy can be left on the umbrella frame or remove the canopy from the frame and lay it down on a clean surface for more thorough cleaning. Never store your umbrella away or use the protective cover while the canopy is still wet as mould and mildew may develop.

## Light or General Cleaning

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To clean the umbrella fabric while the canopy is still on the frame, follow these simple steps:

- Use a brush to remove any dust, loose dirt or bird droppings
- Hose down fabric
- Mix up a bleach-free soap cleaning solution (eg. dish-washing liquid) in a bucket
- Use a soft bristle brush to scrub the canvas, never use hard bristles as this can damage the fabric
- Rinse thoroughly with fresh water until all the cleaning solution is removed
- Allow the canopy to completely air-dry

## Intensive Cleaning for Stubborn Stains and Mildew

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Our fabrics have some resistance to mildew, mould and fungus but if allowed to grow it can still develop. Use this cleaning method only as a last resort and apply with care:

- Prepare a solution of 4 liters of water to 1 cup of bleach and mix well
- Allow the mixture to soak into the fabric for 10 minutes
- Blot the fabric with a cloth or sponge in heavily stained spots
- Rinse several times with fresh water until all the cleaning solution is removed
- Allow the canopy to completely air-dry

**Note:** Do not use this method for printed umbrella canopies as it may destroy the colour pigments in the print.

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## Handy Hints

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Only use cold water

Always air-dry fabrics and never use an electric drier

Protect the area where you're washing the umbrella canopy as the bleach solution may discolour the umbrella frame, plastic parts, bases or other items nearby

Bleach may deteriorate other items such as sewing thread, do not use if canopy is 5+ years

Protect the environment when using bleach - avoid cleaning near bodies of water and wildlife.

## Stain Table

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This table contains our recommended cleaning methods for all umbrella fabric. For best results always treat the stain as soon as they occur as stains that have had time to set in are harder to remove and always air dry before storing away or use a protective cover.

Bird droppings, tomato sauce, mustard, coffee, tea, soft drinks, juice or milk	Combine ¼ cup dishwashing liquid per 1 liter of water
Beer, urine or vomit	Combine ¼ cup of dishwashing liquid and 1/3 cup of white vinegar per 1 liter of water.
Butter, grease, salad dressing, shoe polish, sunscreen or tree sap	Apply cornstarch as an absorbent, remove excess a straight edge, clean up residue with dishwashing liquid and water.
Iron rust	Treat with CLR and rinse thoroughly.
Mildew	Combine ¼ cup dishwashing liquid and bleach per 1 liter of water.
Wine	Combine ¼ cup dishwashing liquid, 1/3 cup white vinegar and ½ cup isopropyl alcohol or hydrogen peroxide per 1 liter of water