

**You have just purchased
a new awning...**

Protect Your Investment

Your awning can make a powerful first impression. Whether its primary use is for signage, aesthetics, or shade, awnings are often the first impression a person will have of your workplace, company or home. To continue making your first impression a favorable one, keeping your awning clean is crucial. Simple maintenance will not only improve your awnings appeal, it will also protect and significantly increase the life of your awning.

The following information will help you get the most out of your new awning.

Environmental Effects

Stains occur when pollution, dirt, bird droppings, mildew and other contaminants are allowed to remain on the surface of an awning for an extended period of time. Contaminants can cause the awning material to weaken and age prematurely.

- It's important to clean stains immediately.
- Plant shrubbery and vines away from the awnings. Many plants contain an acid that may be harmful to your awning.
- Clean gutters above awnings and prevent roof runoff onto the awning.
- Any paint splatters on fabric will hold dirt and mildew in the fabric. This will shorten the life of your awning and void your warranty.

Awning Repairs

An awning is less expensive to maintain than it is to repair.

- Small tears or holes need to be mended promptly so they won't have a chance to grow.
- Repair rips and holes as soon as they happen.
- Inspect frames annually. Rusted areas should be cleaned and re-painted.

Awning Storage

- Clean and dry awnings before you store them. Give them a final brushing to remove all debris.
- Fold or roll, cover, and store your awning in a cool, dry place. A concrete floor is not a good place to store them.



CLEAN YOUR AWNING

Awnings are an investment—one that deserves the protection of regular cleanings. An awning that is cleaned regularly is easier and faster to clean than one that is cleaned infrequently. It is important to keep your awning clean by starting a regular cleaning maintenance program from the following options:

1. CLEAN THE AWNING YOURSELF

- Close off the area to customers and pedestrians.
- Brush off all debris, including dust.
- Use only cleaners that are recommended for your type of awning material. (See manufacturer recommendations)
- Clean from the bottom and work up.
- Scrub the awning and valance with a soft bristled brush.
- Cover all parts of the awning, Missed spots will show when dry.
- Rinse the awning completely. Film left on the material will leave marks and a chalky residue.
- Occasionally, rinse your awning down with a garden hose and keep the underside of your awning clean by simply brushing with a clean household broom.

2. CALL A PROFESSIONAL AWNING CLEANING SERVICE

Awnings make a lasting first impression — it's important to keep them that way.

Your Awning Information

Manufacturer: _____

Installation Date: _____

Type: _____

Fabric: _____

Size: _____

Contact Person: _____

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