



Manufacturer Guidelines for the Care of Fabric Shades

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Sun Shade Co. fabric shades, follow these manufacturer-recommended care and maintenance guidelines. Proper maintenance will help preserve the appearance and durability of your shade structure while ensuring continued warranty coverage.

Regular Maintenance

1. Routine Cleaning

- Clean the fabric **at least twice a year** using mild soap and water. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasives that could damage the fabric coating.
- Use a soft-bristle brush or a sponge to remove dirt, debris, and mildew buildup.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove any soap residue.

2. Debris Removal

- Regularly check for and remove **leaves, twigs, or other debris** that may accumulate on the fabric surface.
- Ensure that no standing water remains on the shade, as prolonged moisture can lead to fabric degradation.

3. Inspect Tension & Fastenings

- Inspect all **tensioning systems, cables, and fittings** at least once a year to ensure proper installation.
 - If the fabric has lost tension, refer to installation instructions or contact Sun Shade Co. for re-tensioning guidelines.
 - Check for any **loose bolts, nuts, or fasteners**, and tighten as necessary.
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Seasonal & Environmental Considerations

1. Wind & Storm Protection

- While fabric shades are designed to withstand typical weather conditions, remove or retract them if extreme storms, hurricanes, or any snowfall is expected.

2. UV & Heat Exposure

- Sun Shade Co.'s fabric is designed to resist UV damage, but excessive exposure without proper maintenance may cause **color fading and material weakening**.
- Regular cleaning and inspection can help detect early signs of wear.

3. Winter Care

- In all regions of Canada, it is required to **remove the fabric shade each winter**, as they are not designed to withstand snow or freezing conditions.
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Handling Stains & Damage

1. Removing Stains

- For **oil-based stains**, use a mild detergent with warm water and blot gently.
- For **mold or mildew**, apply a solution of **one part bleach to ten parts water**, let it sit for a few minutes, then rinse thoroughly.

2. Avoid Sharp Objects

- Do not allow **sharp objects or abrasive materials** to come into contact with the fabric.
 - Avoid dragging heavy objects across the shade material.
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Storage & Long-Term Care

1. Proper Storage

- If storing the fabric shade for an extended period, ensure it is **completely dry** before folding to prevent mold and mildew growth.
- Store in a **cool, dry place**, away from direct sunlight and moisture.

2. Transportation Guidelines

- When transporting fabric shades, use protective covers to prevent dirt buildup and accidental damage.
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Professional Inspection & Repairs

- For large-scale maintenance or repairs, contact **Sun Shade Co. or an authorized service provider**.
- Annual professional inspections are recommended for commercial installations to ensure compliance with warranty terms.

By following these care and maintenance guidelines, your Sun Shade Co. fabric shade will provide **years of reliable performance** and maintain its aesthetic and functional integrity.

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