

# ARCHITENT

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## Care and Cleaning

For maximum life of Herculite Tent Fabrics, we recommend regular cleaning with the use of a soft brush and gentle agitation with neutral soaps or cleaners and warm clear water, followed by thorough rinsing and drying before storing the items.

### **General Maintenance Cleaning:**

For most types of dirt (including pollen and diesel fumes), use neutral soaps or cleansers such as Ivory bar soap, Ivory Snow, or Spic'N'Span, and warm clear water.

### **Stain Removal:**

A diluted bleach solution of at least 1:5 in water can be used when general maintenance cleaning will not remove the stain. Isopropyl alcohol or mineral spirits are also very helpful in removing, gummy residue or wet paint spillage. Remove excess with a clean dry cloth.

### **Things that will cause premature degradation and reduced life expectancy of your tents and canopies:**

- Extended use without cleaning. Accumulation of dirt on vinyl surface will promote the growth of mold and mildew and premature wear.
- Storage of vinyl that has not been dried thoroughly. Even a slightly damp product can promote the growth of mildew when folded and stored. Mold and/or mildew may require harsh cleaners to remove, which may cause premature wear. The best solution is to take every precaution to keep mold and mildew from growing in the first place.
- Harsh Detergents and Cleaners which contain a Solvent or concentrated Bleach. The longer the exposure of PVC vinyl to these products, the more it will reduce the life of the PVC vinyl. If you or your customer decide to use a product containing a solvent or concentrated bleach, it is very important to remove it as quickly and thoroughly as possible.
- Highly Abrasive Cleaners including Wire Brushes, Power Washers and/or Commercial Washing Machines will result in premature wear and deterioration of tent fabrics.
- Improper Handling. Installation or dismantling tents or canopies on a rough surface can create pinholes and abrasion. Wind whip should also be avoided.

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