

CARE AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Vinyl Fence and Guardrail comes closer to being maintenance free than any other exterior building product. It may become dirty just as does a freshly painted house, a new automobile, or any other products that are exposed to atmospheric conditions. Because of its maintenance free benefits and clean surface, vinyl is the material of choice in today's outdoor market.

With very little effort, you can keep your vinyl fence and guardrail clean. In most cases a heavy rain is sufficient to clean these products. The following are based on a study conducted by the Vinyl Window and Door Institute on the efficiency of cleaning agents and their effects on the appearance of vinyl window frames after two years of outdoor exposure. *(Note: Our compound for window and door profile matches that of our compound for our fence, deck and guardrail products.)*

If rain does do the job, follow these simple instructions at least once every three (3) months:

- Wash using a soft cloth or ordinary long-handled soft bristle brush.
- For difficult to remove dirt and stains such as top soil, motor oil, lithium grease, crayon, felt-tip pen, caulking, lipstick, grass, bubble gum, mold and mildew, use the readily available household cleaners listed on the next page. **Follow manufacturer's instructions on use of cleaners.**
- In some cases you may wish to use a mildly abrasive cleaner, such as Soft Scrub®, Ajax®, Bon Ami®, etc., but the use of any abrasive material could have a negative effect on the surface of fence, deck or guardrail profiles.
- Do not use cleaners containing aggressive organic solvents because they could affect the surface appearance of the vinyl. Examples of such cleaners are: chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, strong soaps and detergents containing organic solvents, nail polish remover and furniture polish/cleaners.

Substance	Recommended Cleaning Agent
Bubble Gum	Fantastik®, Murphys Oil Soap®, solution of vinegar (30%), water (70%), Windex®
Crayon	Lestoil®
DAP (oil based chalk)	Fantastik®
Felt-tip pen	Fantastik®, water-based cleaners
Grass	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphys Oil Soap®, Windex®
Lipstick	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphys Oil Soap®
Lithium Grease	Fantastik®, Lestoil®, Murphys Oil Soap®, Windex®
Mold & Mildew	Fantastik®, solution of vinegar (30%), water (70%), Windex®
Motor Oil	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphys Oil Soap®, Windex®
Oil	Soft Scrub®
Paint	Brillo®Pad
Pencil	Soft Scrub®
Rust	Fantastik®, Murphys Oil Soap®, Windex®
Tar	Soft Scrub®
Top Soil	Fantastik®, Lestoil®, Murphys Oil Soap®

***The use of abrasive materials on vinyl fence and guardrail profiles may have a negative effect on the surface of the profile.**