

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

FENCING

Vinyl Fence Cleaning

- Most dirt can be washed off with a mild soap and water solution.
- Heavier stains can be cleaned with any non-toxic household cleaner.

How Do I Clean My Vinyl Fence?

- On occasion, you may want to spray your fence with a garden hose. This will remove grass clippings, dirt and fertilizer chemicals and keep it looking as new as possible.
- To remove minor stains, use a non-abrasive liquid cleaner.
- For removal of major stains, try one of the following cleaning agents: *Simple Green, Mr Clean Magic Eraser, Mineral Spirits, Trichloroethylene, *CLR (Calcium, Lime and Rust Cleaner) or vinegar.

Follow the manufacturer's directions.

***Note:** *Goof Off is not recommended to remove stains.*

Maintenance Tips:

To maximize the life of your fence, address these areas:

- Adjust the gate every Spring (As a reminder, gate adjustments and leveling are normal care and maintenance items that the homeowner is responsible for.)
- Oil the gate hinges and tighten the screws once a year.
- Do not let the gate swing in the wind. Keep it secured.
- Deter children from swinging on the gate.
- Re-tamp and realign the loose posts.

Aluminum Fence Cleaning

- Most basic stains can be cleaned using a simple degreaser, such as Simple Green®, and should be rinsed after applying.
- For hard water stains, CLR® can be used and should be rinsed after applying.

Painting Touch-up

- Touch-up paint that matches original paint finish is available for minor scratches and dings.
- Contact Barrette Outdoor Living Customer Service to order touch-up paint. Paint cannot be shipped via air — allow 5-7 days for ground shipment.

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Aluminum Fence Cleaning - Continued

Picket Replacement

- Due to the way our aluminum fence panels are constructed, individual pickets cannot be easily removed. As such, Barrette Outdoor Living recommends replacement of the entire panel.

How Do I Clean My Aluminum Fence?

- On occasion you may want to spray your fence with a garden hose. This will remove grass clippings, dirt and fertilizer chemicals and keep it looking as new as possible.
- For light cleaning, rinse with water from bottom to top and back to bottom. This will clean the surface on the way up and prevent the collection of dirty "run down" and possible streaking. Air dry or wipe with a soft, lint free cloth.
- For more soiled areas, rinse the surface with clean water from the top to bottom. Use a sponge and clean with mild dish soap and water. Immediately rinse any "run down" to lower parts of the fence. Do not allow dish soap to collect or "puddle" on surfaces. Immediately rinse entire section with clean water. It is very important the dish soap does not dry on the surface. Air or wipe dry with a soft, lint free cloth. For stubborn, water-soluble debris, repeat steps above until clean.
- In coastal areas, it is recommended that you frequently spray your fence with water to reduce accumulations of salt and dirt.

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- Deter children from swinging on the gate.
- Re-compress and realign loose posts.
- Do not stack or mount any objects or material near your fence.