

# WEATHERABLES

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## The Care and Cleaning of Vinyl

Like any other exterior Vinyl surface, Vinyl Pergolas will have dirt exposure from atmospheric conditions. Ordinarily, the cleaning action of rainfall will be adequate to wash the Vinyl. However, it should be washed periodically by spraying with a garden hose and clear water particularly in those areas not exposed directly to rain. If you desire to do a more thorough cleaning, or where high soil collection conditions occur, follow these simple instructions.

1. Use a soft-bristled, long handled washing brush. It attaches to your garden hose and makes washing your Vinyl easier. Do not rub vigorously as this may create glossy areas over the finish.
2. For hard-to-remove dirt, such as soot and grime found in industrial areas, wipe the fencing and railing down with a solution consisting of the following ingredients:
  - a. 1/3 cup powdered detergent (Tide, Fab or equivalent powdered detergent)
  - b. 2/3 cup of household cleaner (Murphy's oil soap, Lysol or equivalent)
  - c. 1 gallon of water
3. If mildew is a problem in your area, prepare the solution above but substitute 1 quart of laundry bleach for 1 quart of water.
4. If you wash down the entire area, start at the bottom and work up to the top, as less streaking will result.
5. It is important that immediately following all washing operations, the entire surface be thoroughly rinsed with fresh water from a garden hose.
6. For best results using this solution, do it on an overcast cool day (55-75 degrees). You want to rinse with water before it dries.

**CAUTION:** Greater concentrations may cause damage to the vinyl fencing and railing finish.