

Care and Maintenance

While CertainTeed vinyl fence resists most common household stains, it will become dirty like any other product that is exposed to atmospheric conditions. Chalk may also accumulate on the surface. This is a normal condition for all pigmented materials which are constantly exposed to sunlight and the elements. Soil, grime and chalk can be simply removed with the help of your garden hose and a bucket of soapy water. If especially stubborn stains cannot be removed with normal household detergents, request a cleaner from your contractor. Always test cleaner on an inconspicuous area before full use.

Mildew may be a problem in some areas. It appears as black spots on surface dirt and is usually first detected in areas not subjected to rainfall, such as under eaves and porch enclosures. For removal, prepare a solution as shown.

CAUTION: Greater concentrations may cause damage to the vinyl materials.

Mix together: 1/3 cup detergent (Tide, for example)
2/3 cup Trisodium Phosphate (Soilax, for example)
1 quart 5% Sodium Hypochlorite (Clorox, for example)
3 quarts of water

If the above solution does not readily remove the mildew spots, request a mildew –type cleaner from your contractor.

The chemical agents referenced herein may be hazardous to the user or to the environment. Be sure to follow all precautions and warnings on the product label, and particularly those which may be necessary to prevent personal injury. Please dispose of these chemical agents in a manner prescribed by the manufacturer. If you are unsure how to use or how to dispose of these chemical agents, contact the manufacturer of these products for instructions.

Rust and hard water stains for this type of stain, try cleaning with CLR[®] Calcium, Lime, and Rust Remover or LIME-A-WAY[®].

Stubborn Stains Try a vinyl fence cleaner and a soft scrub brush, this should remove any natural stains. Be sure that you are using a "soft" scrub brush; stiff brushes are not required on vinyl fences and can scratch your fence with applied pressure. Simple Green[®] works well for this.

You could also try the Mr. Clean[®] Magic Eraser[®]. The white eraser is great at removing scuff marks and stains and is safe to use on your vinyl fence.

You may wish to use a mildly abrasive cleaner, such as Soft Scrub[®], Ajax[®], Bon Ami[®], etc. but please remember, the use of any abrasive material could have an adverse effect on surface appearance.

Be sure to test any cleaner in an inconspicuous spot in the event it affects the surface.

Important: Fire Safety Information

CertainTeed exterior vinyl building materials require little maintenance for many years. Nevertheless, common sense dictates that builders and suppliers of vinyl products store, handle and install vinyl materials in a manner that avoids damage to the product and/or the structure. Owners and installers should take a few simple steps to protect vinyl building materials from fire. Rigid vinyl fence is made from organic materials that will melt or burn when exposed to a significant source of flame or heat. Building owners, occupants and outside maintenance personnel should always take normal precautions to keep sources of fire, such as barbecues, and combustible materials, such as dry leaves, mulch and trash away from vinyl fence.