

Integral Fencing Composite Cleaning Guidelines

For most locations, Spring and Fall are the best times to care for and clean your Integral Fence. It is recommended that you hose down any surface dirt and debris then use a combination of gentle dish soap, hot water and a soft, non-abrasive bristle brush or cloth to clean the composite boards. Using a sponge, wipe down the aluminum posts and rails of your fence system using the same cleaning solution. Be sure to rinse well with water and towel dry before the soap and water dry in the sun. Working during off-peak sunshine hours makes this easier to achieve.

PRESSURE WASHING

If using a pressure washer to clean your installed fence, we suggest PSI 1500 (or less) and using a wide fan tip 12 inches or more from the surface of your fence; then follow the same steps as above.

HARD WATER STAINS

Mineral deposits (or "hard water stains") can build up on the surface of your fence if the water in your area has high concentrations of minerals such as lime, calcium, silica or rust. These minerals can leave a whitish residue or haze on your fence especially noticeable on the darker colored composite. Hard water stains can typically be removed with a vinegar solution following the cleaning instructions below. However, if your area has hard water, these stains will reappear regularly unless you choose to reposition your watering system in a way that will avoid having the hard water hit your fence.

STAINS FROM CONSTRUCTION OR CONCRETE DUST

If you are having construction or concrete work done near your installed Integral Fence, it is recommended that you cover the fence with a tarp to avoid concrete or construction dust stains. These types of stains are caused by the concrete dust (or other construction dust) mixing in the air with water and heat and sticking to your fence. If your fence is exposed to these construction materials, you may use the following cleaning instructions to address the resulting residue.

STAIN REMOVAL INSTRUCTIONS (repeat if necessary):

- Combine equal parts white vinegar and water in a bucket; mix well.
- Apply the mixture to the composite board and leave it on for approximately 10 minutes to allow the vinegar solution to soften/dissolve the mineral deposits.
- Scrub with a soft bristle brush.
- Rinse well with water and towel dry.

Hard water stains and construction materials stains are not a defect of the composite, but an issue with exposure to chemicals or minerals in your water or environment.