

Tips to help your boat cover or upholstery last longer and look great!



For cover fabrics:

- Keep dirt, leaves and other debris from accumulating on the fabric surface. Washing down with a garden hose on a bright, sunny day is recommended about once a month in warm weather. In colder months, use a soft bristle brush to sweep away debris. Do not scrub hard! Cover can be left on the boat for ease of cleaning.
- To remove dirt from either side of fabric, use a soft bristle brush and a mild soap solution (such as ivory) and warm water (no more than 100 deg F). DO NOT USE DETERGENTS! Do not use bleach. Rinse thoroughly with clear water.
- Always allow fabric to dry completely before rolling or storing. Be sure to clean and dry before storage. Mildew can grow during storage if moisture is present.
- DO NOT pressure wash or steam clean your cover fabric.
- If used for a boat cover, keep cover secure while trailering.
- Avoid dragging cover across rough surfaces, and tugging on cover during removal.
- Always keep cover taut to avoid water pooling and causing stretching. Avoid cinching cover too tightly, putting undue stress on seams and tie down loops.
- Repair accidental tears and punctures as soon as possible.

For marine carpet:

- Occasionally vacuum and, if necessary, hose off carpet and allow to dry.
- For stubborn stains, use a standard, high-quality carpet cleaner, taking care to remove all cleaner residue with water.

For vinyl:

- Use a mild biodegradable boat soap or basic mild neutral soap such as Ivory or Lux mixed in lukewarm water. Use a soft brush or wool mitt to soap up your vinyl seats, trim and sun pad. Rinse thoroughly with clear water.
- Thoroughly dry vinyl after washing and before covering your boat.
- Use a vinyl cleaner and a soft brush on stubborn stains. Thoroughly wash vinyl after using cleaner to remove all residue.
- Use separate rags and brushes for different vinyl colors to prevent color transfer, especially between colored and white vinyls.
- Protect your vinyl from UV exposure. Apply a protectant containing UV-screening properties monthly.

For clear vinyl:

- Do not use abrasive cleaners
- Use a mild vinyl cleaner or basic mild neutral soap such as Ivory or Lux mixed in lukewarm water. Rinse thoroughly with clear water. **DO NOT USE DETERGENTS.**
- Avoid folding to prevent permanent creases; always roll for storage.
- Avoid storing on a rough surface such as unfinished fiberglass.
- Clean and dry thoroughly before storing, as debris pressed between layers for any length of time can cause permanent marring or impressions on the surface.
- Some minor impressions usually disappear when the sheet is relaxed and exposed to the heat of the sun. A deeper impression, however, may never disappear.