

Umbrella Canopy - General Cleaning

Canopies can be cleaned while on the frame with laundry detergent and a scrubbing brush, rinsing thoroughly when you are done. Canopies can also be removed and washed in a washing machine. Do not put in a dryer due to shrinkage.

Cleaning Mildew on your Canopy

Step 1 - Drying the Canopy

Even if your canopy is covered in mildew, resist the urge to pounce on it and start scrubbing away. Remember that excess moisture is probably what led to mildew in the first place. So, allow the canvas to air out and dry. *(Give it about 24 hours of uninterrupted dry time.)*

Step 2 - Preparing the Canopy

Remove any loose material before attempting to attack the mold. This prevents the loose material from being rubbed into the canvas during the later stages, saving you a great deal of extra cleaning work.

To begin, get out your stiff brush and start scrubbing superficial stains and debris. Once you are satisfied that you have removed everything that it is possible to remove with a brush, use your vacuum cleaner with a hand attachment, or alternatively a hand vacuum, to remove any dirty materials that may have come loose that are small and not easily visible.

Step 3 - Cleaning the Canvas

Next, kill any mold or mildew that has survived with rubbing alcohol and water. Mix the rubbing alcohol and water in equal parts in a bucket or other small container. Dampen a rag with the mixture and rub the canvas

thoroughly. Finally, rinse out all of the rubbing alcohol with cold water. Allow it to dry for 24 hours.

Step 4 - Finishing Up

From here, use water and laundry detergent to clean it by hand, rinsing thoroughly when you are done.