



## CARE AND CLEANING

1. **SUNBRELLA**<sup>®</sup> fabric should be cleaned regularly before substances such as dirt, roof particles, etc., are allowed to accumulate on and become embedded in the fabric. The fabric can be cleaned without being removed from the frame. Simply brush off any loose dirt, roof particles, etc.; hose down and clean with a mild natural soap in lukewarm water (no more than 100° F.) Rinse thoroughly to remove soap. **DO NOT USE DETERGENTS!**
2. For stubborn stains soak the fabric for approximately twenty minutes in a solution of no more than 1/2 cup (4 oz.) of bleach and 1/4 cup (2 oz.) natural soap per gallon of water at approximately 100° F. A non-chlorine bleach is recommended for **SUNBRELLA**<sup>®</sup> "Plus" because of the urethane coating. Rinse thoroughly in cold water to remove all of the soap. Note: Excessive soaking in bleach can deteriorate sewing threads. This method of cleaning may remove part of the water repellency and the fabric should receive an application of an air-curing water repellent treatment, such as APCO, UNISEAL, SUNSEAL or similar products, if water repellency is a factor.
3. **SUNBRELLA**<sup>®</sup> may be dry cleaned but a water repellent treatment must be applied to the fabric after dry cleaning to reestablish water repellency. **SUNBRELLA**<sup>®</sup> is made from 100% acrylic fiber and is thermoplastic or heat sensitive. When washing or cleaning, **DO NOT SUBJECT TO EXCESSIVE HEAT** as the fabric will shrink. **DO NOT STEAM PRESS OR DRY IN ELECTRIC OR GAS DRYERS**, but allow to air dry.
4. In cases where a **SUNBRELLA**<sup>®</sup> awning is taken down and stored during the winter season, it should be cleaned, allowed to air dry, and stored in a dry, well ventilated area. Many fabricators offer a reasonably priced removal, cleaning, storage, and rehangng service on a yearly basis.