

# Walpole Outdoors™

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE



### CLEANING & MAINTENANCE: CPVC

Since 1933, Walpole Outdoors has earned a national reputation for style, quality, and structural integrity through a commitment to our customer's needs. Whether you invest in a Walpole fence, structure, or other outdoor product, you can feel secure in the knowledge that it has been designed and handcrafted to the very highest standards. From manufacturing to fabricating, painting, and installation, Walpole Outdoors is the standard by which others are measured.



## Cleaning and Maintaining Your Cellular PVC Product

Your Cellular PVC product has been handcrafted of the finest material, known for its low maintenance and longevity. The following guidelines will help maximize the life of your product.

### CLEANING

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Depending on its location, your product may encounter various forms of dirt and debris, especially under trees or high-traffic areas.

- With a sponge or white rag, use dish soap and water to remove surface particles and light algae accumulation. Do not allow dish soap to collect on surfaces. Immediately rinse entire section with clean water.
- Melamine foam sponge products (i.e. *Mr. Clean Magic Eraser*) or degreasers (i.e. *Simple Green*) work well for more stubborn dirt or scuff marks. When using cleaners other than a mixture of mild detergent and water, it is best to test on a small area to make sure it does not damage the product's appearance. Always read the cleaning product manufacturer's specific information and follow their instructions.
- A 1:2 bleach and water solution is also acceptable for cleaning **white** CPVC products, especially when there is heavier algae accumulation. Be sure to rinse the product thoroughly after use.
- Power washing may be considered when cleaning larger areas (such as on fences or pergolas). To avoid damaging the paint, be sure to use a 25- or 40-degree nozzle. While keeping the nozzle about 3 feet away, hold the spray wand at a 45-degree angle from the surface. Be sure to avoid prolonged spray on a single spot.
- **Avoid solvent-based cleaners.**
- In coastal areas, we recommend that you frequently spray the product with water to remove any salt and dirt build-up.

### TOUCH-UP AND REPAINTING

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When staining or severe marking occurs (i.e. from leaf tannins or a spill), touching up with paint may be necessary to bring the product back to looking new. Walpole Outdoors typically provides touch-up paint upon installation/delivery of the product. If more paint is required, you may purchase a **Vinyl-Safe paint in a Latitude Base and Satin Finish** from your local Sherwin Williams. You can also purchase additional paint directly from Walpole Outdoors by calling 1-800-343-6948.

- Before painting, be sure to prep the affected area by cleaning and lightly sanding the surface smooth with fine-grit sand paper (120 grit or finer).
- Mix paint well before applying.
- To apply paint, use a foam brush to dab the paint onto smaller areas, and a foam roller for larger areas.
- Allow the paint to dry for at least two to three hours before exposed to moisture.
- Apply additional coats as necessary.

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## REPAIR

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- For dings and dents, a heat gun may be used to draw the crushed cellular structure of CPVC back to its original shape. Aim the heat gun 3" to 4" away from the area for 3- to 4-second intervals, removing the heat for 4 seconds at a time. Repeat until the dent is adequately drawn out. If the paint starts to discolor or bubble, remove heat for several seconds and try again with the gun further away.
- For more severe damage consisting of cracks or holes, we recommend applying 2-part structural fillers such as methacrylate adhesive or *Bondo Body Filler*. Allow to cure and sand per manufacturer's instructions.
- Once repairs are complete, sand and paint as noted in the previous section.