

Vinyl Fence Maintenance Guide

Vinyl fencing is built to last with minimal upkeep compared to wood or metal. With just a little care, your Capital Fence & Rail vinyl fence will stay looking clean, bright, and strong for years to come.

Routine Cleaning

- 1. Frequency: Twice a year or as needed
- 2. Tools Needed: Garden hose, soft cloth or sponge, mild dish soap, bucket of water
- 3. **Steps:**
 - 1. Rinse the fence with a garden hose to remove loose dirt.
 - 2. Mix a mild soap solution (a few drops of dish soap in a gallon of water).
 - 3. Wipe fence panels with a soft cloth or sponge.
 - 4. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to avoid soap residue.

Stubborn Stains

- **Mildew/Algae:** Use a solution of 1 part white vinegar to 3 parts water. Apply with a soft brush and rinse.
- Tough Spots (like tar or paint): Use a non-abrasive household cleaner (Simple Green, Soft Scrub without bleach). Always test a small area first.
- Avoid: Abrasive pads, harsh solvents, or pressure washers that may damage the finish.

Seasonal Checks

- **Spring:** Inspect posts and panels after winter. Remove any debris around the base to prevent staining.
- Summer: Rinse dust, pollen, and salt spray if near coastal areas.
- **Fall:** Wash off fallen leaves and sap to avoid discoloration.
- Winter: Clear snow buildup around the base. Do not lean heavy snow or ice against panels.

Preventative Care

- ✓ Keep grass trimmers, shovels, and lawn equipment away from fence surfaces to avoid scratches.
- ✓ Ensure sprinkler systems are not constantly spraying the fence (to minimize water spots).
- ✓ Trim nearby shrubs/trees to prevent sap, mold, and scratches.
- ✓ Do not hang heavy objects (planters, bikes, etc.) on the fence.

Quick Maintenance Checklist

Hose down the fence regularly
Clean with mild soap twice a year
Spot clean stains immediately
Inspect posts and hardware each season
Keep base clear of soil, mulch, and debris

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