

How to Clean Polywood

OUTDOOR CUSHIONS & PILLOWS

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Dry vacuum cleaner
- Mild dish soap
- 5-gallon plastic bucket
- Washcloth

INSTRUCTIONS

- Brush or rinse loose debris off cushion covers before it embeds in the fabric. Using your dry vacuum makes quick work of this.
- Create a mixture of ¼ cup of dish soap per gallon of warm water in a bucket. (For 5 gallons of water, use 1¼ cup of soap.)
- Apply the mixture to the material with a clean cloth.
- Rinse thoroughly and let your cushions air-dry.

TIPS

- Standing cushions on their sides will help them dry faster.
- If possible, flip your cushions periodically to even out the wear on each side.
- Store patio cushions in a dry spot—such as a shed, garage, or console table—when not in use.

Additional cleaning tips

STEPS FOR REMOVING SPILLS AND BIRD DROPPINGS

- Create a cleaning solution with one teaspoon of Borax, one teaspoon of mild dish soap, and one quart of warm water. Pour the ingredients in a spray bottle and shake well to mix.
- Spray the solution directly onto the stain and allow it to soak for a few minutes.
- Use a clean cloth to work the solution into the stain.
- Let it stand for 10–15 minutes.
- Rinse away all the soap residue with a garden hose.
- Allow the cushion to air dry on its side.

STEPS FOR REMOVING OIL STAINS

- Blot any excess oil with a microfiber cloth.
- Apply cornstarch or baking soda onto the stain.
- Allow the powder to stand for 10–15 minutes.
- Use a straight edge like a ruler to scrape off the powder.
- Reapply powder if needed.
- If a mark remains, blot the spot with a natural cleaning solution and a damp microfiber cloth.

STEPS FOR REMOVING MOLD AND MILDEW

- Use a dry cloth to remove as much mold and mildew as possible. Afterward, vacuum or shake your cushions to remove any remaining debris.
- Mix one cup of Borax into four cups of warm water. You can also try hydrogen peroxide instead of Borax.
- With a spray bottle or sponge, generously apply the solution to the cushion.
- Allow the solution to soak for 15–30 minutes.
- Use a microfiber cloth to blot out the stain.
- Use a garden hose to rinse off all the solution.
- Allow your cushion to air dry. Put the cushion on its side for quicker drying.

STEPS FOR DEEP CLEANING

- Prepare a solution of ¼ cup of mild soap and one cup of bleach per gallon of lukewarm water. Laundry detergent can work, too, but use less of it.
- Before using your homemade solution, grab your garden hose and rinse off your cushion to remove any loose dirt, dust, or debris.
- Grab a clean sponge or cloth, dip it in your solution, and scrub down the cushion.
- Let your cushion sit for about 5–10 minutes so that the solution can soak into the fabric and deep clean your cushion effectively.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all the soapy residue. If applicable, be sure to rinse the zipper area because the cleaning solution can damage it.
- Let your cushion air dry on its side with the zipper area on the bottom. It usually dries better and faster by doing it this way.

TIPS FOR DEEP CLEANING

- Not all fabric materials can handle bleach. Always test cleaning solutions on a small section of fabric first to ensure it's safe for your cushions.
- Try undistilled white vinegar if you want a natural alternative to bleach.

STORING YOUR OUTDOOR CUSHIONS AND PILLOWS

- During times like winter, when you're not using your outdoor cushions and pillows, put them in a storage bag and bring them inside your home. When spring comes, they'll be ready for brunches, family game nights, and other fun outdoor activities!

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