

## SUGGESTIONS FOR CARE OF FABRIC AWNINGS

Even the most durable materials require a certain amount of care, and fabric awnings are no exception. However, with the minimum amount of attention your awnings will remain bright and serviceable for a long period of time. The following "Do's" and "Don'ts" are provided to help you in the proper care of your awnings.

### DO's

**DO** keep your awning clean. This is the best protection against mildew. Even on mildew resistant fabric, mildew can grow on accumulated dirt or foreign materials that remain on the top or bottom surface and eventually damage or stain the fabric.

**DO** wash down your awnings. If they are vinyl coated, brush lightly with a cloth or soft brush. You can use a mild soap, but rinse thoroughly and immediately.

**DO** hose your awnings down occasionally every month or so, with a garden hose. We recommend doing this on a hot, sunny day.

**DO** keep the underside of your awning clean by simply brushing with a clean household broom. Vinyl fabrics may also be washed on the underside in the same manner as the top. Mildew will not attack a clean awning.

**DO** keep shrubbery and vines away from the awnings, as many bushes contain an acid that can be harmful to your awnings.

**DO** check the condition of awning frames. Rust is not likely to form, but if it should, it might cause deterioration or staining of the fabric. Painting metal framing every 4 to 5 years is a safeguard against this.

### DON'TS

**DO NOT** fold or roll your awnings in extreme cold temperatures.

**DO NOT** drag your awning across any abrasive surfaces, such as a cement driveway.

**DO NOT** get insect spray on the fabric, as some solutions may impair the water repellency of the fabric and cause staining.

**DO NOT** allow water to stand on the awnings, causing pocketing and possible stretching.