



Care and Cleaning Guide
Natures Composites

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At Nature's Composites, we take pride in delivering durable, eco-friendly, and low-maintenance fencing solutions. To ensure that your composite fencing, pickets, and gates continue to look great and perform well for years to come, follow these simple care and cleaning tips

General Maintenance

Our composite products are designed to be virtually maintenance-free. However, like any outdoor product, occasional care is recommended to keep your fence looking its best.

- **Inspect Regularly:** Check for any loose boards, posts, or hardware. Tighten any screws or fasteners as needed.
- **Trim Vegetation:** Keep plants, shrubs, and grass clear of your fence to prevent potential damage and ensure proper airflow.
- **Be Cautious with Loose Rocks:** If you have small, decorative loose rocks near your fence, be mindful that these can put pressure on the fence, which could lead to potential damage over time.

Cleaning Your Composite Fence and Gates

Routine Cleaning

To maintain the appearance of your composite fence, clean it every 6 to 12 months or when necessary.

1. **Soap and Water:** Use mild dish soap with warm water and a soft cloth or sponge to remove dirt, debris, and stains.
2. **Soft-Bristle Brush:** For tougher stains or buildup, use a soft-bristle brush with a mild cleaner. Avoid using abrasive brushes that may scratch the surface.
3. **Hose Off:** Rinse off any soap and debris with a garden hose.

Stubborn Stains

For stubborn stains like grease, oil, or sap:

- **Use a Cleaner:** A mild, non-abrasive cleaner like diluted dishwashing soap or a specialized composite cleaner can help. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on the cleaner.
- **Power Washing (Optional):** A power washer can be used, but make sure the pressure is set low (around 1200 psi) to avoid damaging the surface. Always test a small section first.

Addressing Specific Issues

Bowing & Warping

Slight bowing may occur due to temperature changes and sun exposure. This is a natural characteristic of composite materials. It doesn't affect the strength or durability of your fence. If bowing becomes noticeable, you can correct it by allowing for proper expansion and contraction during installation and by spacing boards accordingly.

Mold and Mildew

To remove mold or mildew, mix a solution of 1 part bleach to 3 parts water. Apply the solution to the affected areas with a cloth or soft-bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly with water.

Scratches & Scuffs

Small scratches or scuffs can be buffed out using a fine abrasive pad. Always test the process in a small, inconspicuous area first.

Seasonal Care Tips

- **Winter Care:** Remove any snow or ice buildup with a shovel or broom. Avoid using salt or other chemicals, as they can cause damage to the fence.
- **Sun Exposure:** If you notice any fading due to sun exposure, know that the color will naturally stabilize after 3 to 6 months of exposure, and any color change is generally minimal.

Helpful Tips for Longevity

- **Proper Installation:** Ensure your fence is installed with adequate spacing for expansion and contraction due to thermal changes. This helps minimize any potential bowing or warping.
- **Avoid Harsh Chemicals:** Never use harsh chemicals, solvents, or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the surface and affect the material's integrity.

Nature's Composites offers long-lasting, low-maintenance solutions that stand the test of time. With a little care and regular cleaning, your composite fence, pickets, and gates will remain strong and visually appealing for many years. For further assistance or product support, feel free to contact our customer service team.

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