

*Please read and observe these instructions carefully to extend the life of your umbrella.*

**When not in use, keep the umbrella closed and covered with an protective storage cover.**

Although the fabric is mold, mildew and rot resistant, the fabric should be allowed to dry completely before storage. Atmospheric pollution deposits on the surface of the fabric can still potentially mold and mildew under damp conditions. Under windy and rainy conditions, keep the umbrella closed and covered.

## **Umbrella Care and Maintenance**

### **Frame Care**

The wooden frame has been varnished for long lasting protection. We suggest that you re-varnish the frame once every two years to keep it from drying out. The water based eco-friendly varnish that we use is not currently available for retail, however, any tung oil such as the one we can sell provides a tough, flexible and highly water-resistant coating, which also removes any surface scratching that may have occurred between varnishes.

### **Canopy Care**

Our canopy fabric is designed to be easy to maintain. By following a few simple care and cleaning steps, the fabric will maintain its good looks for many years.

- **Cleaning Frequency:**

The local environment has a great deal to do with determining cleaning frequency. Cleaning is required less frequently in a dry environment than in a humid one with heavy foliage. In most environments a thorough cleaning will be needed every two to three years.

- **Simple Maintenance:**

The fabric has a special finish that delays the accumulation of dirt. To delay the need for deep cleanings, frequently remove dust from the canvas by hosing the fabric off with clean water on a monthly basis. This practice will help prevent dirt from becoming deeply embedded in the fabric and eliminate the need for more frequent deep cleanings.

- **Deep Cleaning:**

When it's time for a thorough cleaning, it is important to observe the following:

- Always use a mild soap i.e. Ivory Snow, Dreft or Woolite. **Never use detergent.**
- Allow soap to soak in while cleaning.
- Use a soft bristle brush to clean tough dirt spots.
- Water should be cold to lukewarm. Never use water that is hotter than 100 degrees.
- Rinse thoroughly to leave absolutely no soap residue behind.
- **Air dry only.** Never apply heat to the fabrics.

## • **Stubborn Stains:**

If stubborn stains persist after a deep cleaning, you can use a diluted chlorine bleach/soap mixture for **spot cleaning** of mildew, roof run-off or other similar stains.

### **To prepare a special spot cleaning mixture, combine:**

- Four ounces ( $\frac{1}{2}$  cup) of chlorine bleach.
- Two ounces ( $\frac{1}{4}$  cup) of mild soap.
- One gallon of water.

### **To spot clean stubborn stains:**

- Allow the mixture to soak into the canopy for up to 20 minutes.
- Clean the canopy with a soft bristle brush.
- Rinse the canopy thoroughly.
- Air dry.
- Repeat if necessary.

## • **Re-treating the Fabric:**

As part of the finishing process, the fabrics are treated with a fluorocarbon finish, which enhances water repellency. This finish is designed to last for several years, but it must be reapplied after a thorough cleaning. Based on test results, we recommend 303 High Tech Fabric Guard™ as the preferred re-treatment product for these fabrics, which we sell as well. Fabrics should be retreated after thorough cleaning or after five years of use.

**Enjoy your Greencorner umbrella for seasons to come!**

