Cleaning Guide

This chart contains our recommended cleaning methods of Sunbrella® fabric for common stains. For best cleaning results, spills and messes should be cleaned as soon as they occur. Set-in residue may require professional cleaning. After cleaning with the below solutions, always rinse fabric thoroughly and allow to air dry.

Spill/Mess	At-Home Solution	Sunbrella Solution
BBQ Sauce Beer Berries (Fresh, Jam, or Juice) Coffee Cola Tea Wine	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner
Bird Droppings Urine Vomit	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid and 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of white vinegar per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean [™] Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and white vinegar
Blood	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid and 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of hydrogen peroxide per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and hydrogen peroxide
Butter Grease Mayonnaise Motor Oil Oil Paint (Wet/Dried) Salad Dressing Sunscreen Tomato (Fresh, Sauce, or Juice)	For fresh stains, apply cornstarch as an absorbent, remove excess with a straight edge, and clean up residual with 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water. Follow with a strong degreaser.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner followed by Sunbrella Extract™ Oil Based Stain Remover
Charcoal	Vacuum to remove excess and treat with isopropyl alcohol. Then clean with 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and isopropyl alcohol
Chewing Gum Crayon	Treat with isopropyl alcohol. Then clean with 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and isopropyl alcohol
Chocolate	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner. For any remaining oil residue, use Sunbrella Extract™ Oil Based Stain Remover
Dye Transfer	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid and 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of isopropyl alcohol or bleach per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and isopropyl alcohol

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Ink Nail Polish	Treat with volatile solvent (100% acetone). Then clean with 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and acetone
Ketchup Mustard	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water. For any remaining discoloration, use a solution of bleach water or a bleach pen.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and bleach
Lipstick/Cosmetics	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water. Then follow with a strong degreaser.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner followed by Sunbrella Extract™ Oil Based Stain Remover
Mildew & Mold	Combine 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid and 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of bleach per 1 cup (250 ml) of water. A stronger percentage of bleach may be necessary for severe mildew.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner and bleach
Pencil	Vacuum, then clean with 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner
Rust	Treat with a rust remover such as CLR® and rinse thoroughly.	Treat with a rust remover such as CLR® and rinse thoroughly.
Shoe Polish (liquid & wax)	Apply cornstarch as an absorbent, remove excess with a straight edge. Then clean with 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water. For wax polish, cover stain with towel and apply heated iron to remove surface debris before proceeding with above steps.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner followed by Sunbrella Extract™ Oil Based Stain Remover
Tree Sap	Treat with solvent such as Murphy® Oil Soap, turpentine, volatile solvent (100% acetone) to soften and remove as much of the tree sap as possible. Repeat as necessary. Then clean with soap and water and rinse thoroughly to remove solvent.	Volatile solvent (100% acetone) and follow with Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner
Wax (Candle)	Cover stain with towel and apply heated iron to remove surface debris. Then clean with 1 teaspoon (4 ml) of dishwashing liquid per 1 cup (250 ml) of water.	Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner followed by Sunbrella Extract™ Oil Based Stain Remover

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For larger cleaning projects, simply multiply suggested cleaning solutions to fit your needs.