



## CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SHADE CANOPY

### THINGS TO AVOID

Always avoid dragging the fabric across surfaces, etc. Avoid sharp objects, bolts, snags, and other protrusions. Keep foliage, such as tree limbs, shrubbery, bushes, etc. trimmed back and away from fabric. Also avoid heat sources such as hot lights, torches, grilles, etc. under the fabric.

### CLEANING THE FABRIC

The fabric itself is generally maintenance free with the exception of necessary removal due to weather or seasonal requirements. Residues such as tree sap, bird droppings, etc. may need to be removed. To clean the fabric, use water and mild soap. A soft mop or soft broom may also be used. Cleaners that do not contain hydrocarbons, solvents, bleach or ammonia may be used. Use of solvents, hydrocarbons, bleach, and ammonia type cleaners will void the fabric warranty. A pressure washer may be used if necessary using a wide-spray nozzle.

### CABLES AND HARDWARE

It is recommended that the cables be replaced if corrosion is visible, or every 3 to 4 years whichever comes first. The cable ends must be wrapped with tape to secure any wires thus preventing the wires from tearing the fabric. Taping must be done when removing old cable as well as when installing new cable. Clamps should be replaced when the cable is replaced.

If the cable appears slack on a still day (no wind), immediately have the cable and clamps retightened by a qualified person. The cable must not be slack.

### GLIDE ELBOWS

Lubricate glide elbows annually, and before operating. A waterproof grease is recommended such as a lithium based grease. This is available in a spray can with nozzle tube.

### STORAGE

Fabric must be stored in clean dry place free from snags, sharp edges, etc. The storage area must be rodent free.