



PLAYGROUNDS & SITE AMENITIES

UNINSTALLING THE SHADE CANOPY

NECESSARY CARE

It is important to take necessary care when handling the fabric during removal and installation to prevent damage to the fabric as well as proper control of the fabric in a breeze or wind. The fabric is tough and engineered for use as a shade, but it can tear when or if pulled over a snag or sharp item; it can puncture from bolts or other protruding objects; and it can melt from things like cigarettes, matches, hot torch tips, sparks and the like. In addition, care must be exercised to avoid the fabric hooks after the fabric is unhooked from the elbow corners (and sides of the structure where there are intermediate supports).

PROPER AND SAFE

Based on the size of the canopy, several persons may be needed to properly and safely handle the fabric during the uninstalling process. You will need several commercial ladders or other means to work safely at heights such as scissor lifts, etc. It is advised that you pad the post side of the ladder and tie the ladder to the post. The pad is to protect the post finish. Also keep in mind that every 100 square feet of fabric (10' X 10') weighs approximately five pounds; a large canopy can get heavy fast. For proper control of the fabric, read below.

INSTALLATION IN REVERSE

Refer to the Installation Instructions page 3 (enclosed). Determine which style elbows (corners) are installed on your structure. Begin on page 3, at either Step 11 or Step 9 - depending on which style elbow is on your structure. In general, uninstalling the canopy means following these pages in reverse.

1. For shade structures with Standard Elbows, loosen the turnbuckle several turns in order to put enough slack in the cable to allow the fabric and cables to unhook from all the elbow hooks. Attach 3/8" ropes to each corner of the fabric and cable before unhooking to secure and properly control the fabric from ground level. If uninstalling in breezy or windy conditions, choose the windy side of the fabric and tie these corners to the posts with the ropes with enough slack to allow for unhooking the fabric from the structure. These ropes are to prevent the shade from flying away in the wind. Once the corners have been secured to the posts, unhook the fabric and cables from each corner.

On the side away from the wind, release the corners of the fabric and cable and have a person hold on to each rope. Fold the fabric back away from the hooks.

Now it will be necessary to remove the cable clamps to allow the cable to be free from the structure and the turnbuckle. If the cable ends are frayed, wrap them with tape. NOTE: It is usually not necessary nor is it recommended that the cable be removed from the canopy.

With a person on each rope, starting at the windy side, gently pull the canopy down in between the framework of the structure. The side away from the wind can be guided with the ropes toward the persons pulling the canopy down.

IMPORTANT HINT: It is important when reinstalling the canopy, that it is put back in its original orientation to the structure. Starting at the turnbuckle corner, the fabric and cable corners should be returned to their original positions.

2. For shade structures with Glide Elbows, remove the protective covers from the ends of the glide elbows. Then, using the proper wrench, turn the hex nuts on the end of the Glide Elbow to run the glide hooks to their top most position. Do not loosen the cable clamps, leave the cable intact. Attach 3/8" ropes to each corner of the fabric and cable before unhooking to secure and properly control the fabric from ground level. If uninstalling in breezy or windy conditions, choose the windy side of the fabric and tie these corners to the posts with the ropes with enough slack to allow for unhooking the fabric from the structure. These ropes are to prevent the shade from flying away in the wind. Once the corners have been secured to the posts, unhook the fabric and cables.

On the side away from the wind, release the corners of the fabric and cable and have a person hold on to each rope. Fold the fabric back away from the hooks.

It is a good idea to put the Glide Elbow protective covers back in their places. NOTE: With Glide Elbow installations it is not necessary to loosen or remove the cable clamps or remove the cable from the canopy. If the cable ends are frayed, wrap them with tape.

IMPORTANT HINT: When uninstalling the canopy, mark or identify the corner of origin in such a way that when reinstalling the canopy, it is put back in its original orientation to the structure. The fabric and cable corners should be returned to their original positions when reinstalling the canopy. The cable and fabric should tighten properly when the glide elbows are adjusted down into their tension positions.

REINSTALLING HINTS

Using the same rope technique, install from the windy side (if it is windy) making sure to secure these ropes to the posts. Then, throw the remaining corner ropes over the structure and gently pull the canopy into position. The cables and fabric corners can now be hooked on the hooks (and cable guides if so equipped). Next reinstall the clamps if applicable and tightened the cable with the turnbuckle or the Glide Elbows.

