

Cover Removal & Maintenance of Shade Structures

Cover Removal

Standard Units are *not* designed for snow loads; therefore, you must remove the covers before the winter season begins.

The seams in Apollo Sunguards are designed as a fail-safe to burst when wind loads exceed 75 mph. If high winds are forecast in excess of 75 mph, please remove the cover.

To ensure the maximum years of enjoyment guaranteed by Apollo Sunguard's Warranty, please take 20-30 minutes to complete the following before the winter season begins...

Manpower Needed: Depending upon the size of the unit, usually one (1) person can remove the cover.

Example: a 20'x20' cover will weigh 10 pounds.

If there is already snow on the cover, please try to push off as much as possible before removing!

DO NOT WALK ON COVER!

Step 1: Unscrew the cable clamps which will release the tension from the cables.

Step 2: Remove cable, straightening as you go.

Step 3: Slip corner fabric hole off of mounting ring (start at one (1) corner) and remove cover.

Step 4: Fold for storage until danger of snow passes.

An example of what happens when a cover is not removed before the snow season.



Cleaning

Apollo Sunguard suggests cleaning any soot or grit from the cover at least once a year to help maintain its vibrant color. If you live in a snow area, you could schedule your cleaning around the same time as you take off the cover for winter storage.

Cleaning may be done with a mild liquid dish washing type detergent and a broom (if the cover is already removed from the unit); or a hose system used for washing external windows. Hose down and let dry before folding to prevent mildew.

Steel Maintenance

Apollo Sunguard suggests cleaning the steel of your unit at least once a year, ideally during cover removal or re-installation.

Cleaning may be done with a mild dish liquid and a sponge.

Check for any areas that may need a touch up of paint. Touch up paint is included with your unit in a matching color, silver if your unit is galvanized. Replacement cans of touch up paint for **Black**, **white** and **silver** (galvanized) units can be purchased at your local hardware store. **For all other powder coat colors**, please call us at **1-800-319-1010**.