

# MAINTENANCE TIPS AND CLEANING

It's easy to maintain the great look of your FAIRWAY® Aluminum, Vinyl, Composite Railing Systems. Like anything exposed to the elements, your railing or fence will get dirty. In most cases you can simply spray the dirt off with your garden hose.

For more stubborn dirt or stain removal, follow these simple instructions:

### NOTE: PROTECT SHRUBBERY FROM DIRECT CONTACT WITH CLEANING AGENTS.

# <u>Stubborn Dirt</u>

- 1. Use a slightly moist Mr. Clean Magic Eraser Cleaning Pad® to scrub your railing or fence. This should remove most stains.
- 2. Use an ordinary soft bristle wash brush and scrub your railing or fence just like you would wash your car.
- 3. If the dirt is difficult to remove, such as soot found in industrial areas, wash the railing or fence
- with a solution made up of the following:
  - 1/3 cup powder detergent (e.g. Tide, Fab, or equivalent powder detergent)
  - 2/3 cup household cleaner (e.g. Soilax, Spic & Span or equivalent)
  - 1 gallon of water
- 4. If mildew is a problem in your area add 8 fluid ounces of liquid laundry bleach to above solution.
- 5. When washing your railing or fence, prevent streaking by starting at the bottom and working up to the top.
- 6. If stubborn stains exist, follow the precautionary labeling instructions on the cleaning agent container.

#### Stain Removal

- 1. Light oils and greases, heavy grease, caulking compounds, wax, crayon, asphalt, tars, etc.:
  - a. Use a slightly moist Mr. Clean Magic Eraser Cleaning Pad scrub your railing or fence.
  - b. Cleaning Agents: Mineral spirits, VMP naptha, auto tar remover.
  - c. Preparation: Remove excess with plastic or wood scraper.
  - d. Special cleaning procedures: Use soft cloth to apply mineral spirits.\*
  - \* Maintain light pressure to avoid polishing stained area. After removing stain, rinse area thoroughly with clean water.
- 2. Inks (marking), nail polish, paint, lipstick, gum:
  - a. Cleaning agents: Cleaning fluid (Trichloroethylene).
  - b. Preparation: Remove excess with plastic or wood scraper. Chill gum to remove excess.
  - c. Special cleaning procedures: Use soft cloth to apply cleaning fluid\*.
  - \* Maintain light pressure to avoid polishing stained area. After removing stain, rinse area thoroughly with clean water.

# 3. Rust stains:

- a. Cleaning agents: Oxalic acid, auto radiator cleaner, Bright bowl), Riddo-Rust.
- b. Preparation: Make solution of 1 tablespoon of oxalic acid crystals to 1 cup warm water.
- c. Special cleaning procedures: Apply oxalic acid solution with soft bristle brush.
  - Wipe with damp cloth and then flush with rust free water (use rubber gloves and eye protection).

### 4. Stubborn stains:

- a. Use a slightly moist Mr. Clean Magic Eraser Cleaning Pad scrub your railing or fence.
- b. Cleaning agents: Xylene, Lacquer Thinner procedure.
- c. Preparation: Try procedures 1, 2, or 3. If they don't remove the stains, then use this procedure.
- d. Dampen small section of cloth with xylene. Rub vigorously on the affected area.\*
- \* Maintain light pressure to avoid polishing stained area. After removing stain, rinse area thoroughly with clean water.