

SHADE SAILS

With the proper installation and maintenance your quality CoverCorp shade sail will give you many years of protection and enjoyment.

Installation

- To install a CoverCorp sail using turnbuckles between the corner ring of the shade sail and your fixing eye. A minimum of two people and a still day is preferable.
- Wind the turnbuckle fully open, apply a little grease (or anti-seize compound) to the thread. Attach the turnbuckle to the shade sail and to the fixing. To orientate the sail attach the labelled corner to the right attaching point and with the manufacturers label facing downwards.
- Ensure all connection points are secured, then work around the sail tensioning each turnbuckle in turn, so that an even amount of tension is applied across the sail, and working a little at a time to ensure that the tension is even. Note: tighten those turnbuckles that were loosened, to the felt pen marks.
- Stop tensioning when the shade sail is rigid with little or no creases and then tighten the lock-nuts on the turnbuckle body to prevent loosening. All wires should be taut but not over-tightened. Wires should be of equal tension.
- Check all mounting points are solid, and re-tension periodically if required.

Removal

- Prior to taking down a sail, mark the thread of each turnbuckle with a felt pen. Also label one corner of the sail. These two steps will assist with reinstallation.
- Place a screwdriver between the shafts of the turnbuckle, and then loosen the lock nuts. Then loosen the turnbuckle, and then loosen the lock nuts. You may need to loosen more than one turnbuckle in order to unhook the shade sail.
- Loosen as few turnbuckles as possible to make hooking it back up as easy as possible.
- Avoid dragging the shade sail as this may damage the fabric.

Maintenance

- Fixings should be checked and tensioned (if required) monthly to avoid 'wind flap' and possible damage to the sail and structure.
- Clean your sail regularly (see Washing/Care Instruction section).
- We recommend your shade sail should be removed for the winter period and stored. Shade sails are designed for easy installation and removal however to prevent damage it helps if there are two people.
- Make sure your sail is completely dry and store it inside the bag provided, in a cool dry place away from rodents and other pests.
- Avoid exposure to petrol, oils and other petroleum products.
- An annual inspection of your shade sail will highlight any small issues before they become big problems.

Washing/Care Instructions

- Wash the sail with the garden hose using moderate pressure every 6 weeks. Give both the top and underside a good soaking.
- Your shade sail may become dirty over time, pollution, bird droppings, leaves etc will accumulate so it is important to give your shade sail a thorough clean yearly.
- The best cleaning method for most shade sails is using Sugar Soap and a soft bristle brush or sponge. Dilute according to instructions and then work the solution into the fabric and leave for 15–20 minutes then rinse the sail. Note the brush must have soft bristles and must not be applied to the fabric in such a way as to cause damage to the weave of the fabric. Rinse well with the garden hose.
- Care should be taken to avoid chemicals that contain bleach or other industrial chemicals as these can harm the UV stabilizers within the fabric reducing the life and voiding the fabric warranty. Where a commercial grade cleaning product is required we would suggest 'Wet and Forget' (available from all major hardware stores).
- Make sure the sail is completely dry before storing to avoid mildew damage.
- Do not water blast using high pressure, machine wash or dry, scrub with a stiff brush, use abrasive cleaners as all these will shorten the life of the shade sail and can permanently damage the fabric.

Warnings

- Our shade sails are not designed to with stand extreme weather conditions and we recommend you remove your shade sail temporarily whenever destructive weather conditions are forecast.
- Fire is extremely hazardous around shade sails. Hot embers from barbeques or bonfires could ignite the fabric – we strongly advise that any open flames or fires are placed well away from your shade sail.