

Tinder Fire Tables

Care and Maintenance Information

Thank you for purchasing a Tinder Fire Table. Tinder Fire Tables are handmade using a custom engineered proprietary concrete mix. They have been finished and sealed for exterior use. Concrete will react to its environment and naturally weather and patina as it ages. Cleaning regularly and covering your fire table when not in use will protect it from leaves, rain, snow, and other adverse weather conditions.

FIRE TABLE CLEANING

- Dirt and water residue should be removed as soon as possible. We recommend using a mild solution of a nonabrasive cleaner such as **Method All-Purpose Natural Surface Cleaner**. Spray the solution across the surface and wipe down with a sponge or towel.
- We do not recommend the use of most natural cleaners (which are often citrus based), as the cleaning agent is typically highly acidic and can damage natural materials.
- Do not use heavy, abrasive, bleach-based or ammoniated cleaners. Use of such cleaners will wear down the sealer.
- Wax your fire table periodically. Waxing your fire table is a quick and easy process that will provide additional protection. Wax once within 2 months of the installation of your fire table and then every 2–5 months thereafter depending on use. We recommend using **Trewax Clear Paste Wax**, which can be purchased online and at many hardware stores including ACE Hardware.
- When waxing the surfaces use the included sponge or a soft, clean cotton cloth. Dampen the applicator with clean water and wring out completely. With the sponge or cloth, apply a thin layer of wax in circular motions and in small manageable sections, preferably no larger than 3 ft by 3 ft.
- Once applied remove the excess wax immediately with a new/different, clean, dry cloth in the same circular motion. Buffing works the wax into the natural material. Move to the next section overlapping the last section slightly. You should be able to see where the wax has been applied, but a thick layer of wax should not be applied or left on the surface at any time.
- Be aware, adding thicker layers does not add more protection or speed up the waxing process.
- Do not apply in direct sunlight or in extreme heat.

RING & LAVA ROCK CLEANING

The burner ring and lava rocks should be cleaned periodically. We recommend cleaning them at least once a year.

- If flames exhibit any abnormal shapes or behavior, or if the burner fails to ignite properly, then the burner holes may require cleaning.
- The burner can be cleaned by carefully removing the lava rock media to allow access to burner. Always allow proper cooling time before removing lava rocks.
- Use a brush and vacuum to carefully remove dust, spider webs, and loose particles such as leaves from concrete base, rocks, and fire ring itself.
- Take time to inspect the burner element. If there is evidence of damage, the fire ring must be replaced with a fire ring specified by the manufacturer.
- Rolled lava rock should also be placed around the burner so the rocks are not fully blocking the burner holes.



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COVER

We recommend using your Sunbrella canvas cover whenever the fire table is not in use and in adverse weather conditions. Allow plenty of time for the fire table to cool before covering.

Please see the Sunbrella Care and Cleaning for taking care of your fire table cover.

INCIDENT PREVENTION

Concreteworks surfaces are resilient, however unintentional damage can occur and is easily avoidable. In order to avoid the formation of visible scratches, do not place or drag sharp or coarse objects on the surface.

- Avoid any contact with acidic materials on the surface such as citrus or olive oil as they can be harsh to the sealant. Coasters are recommended if drinks are placed on the fire table surface.
- Do not place extremely hot items directly onto your fire table's edge as this can cause sealer discoloration.
- Be mindful of accidentally hitting the edges as this can cause small chips to occur. Chips are repairable, contact Concreteworks for further information.
- Using felt pads is recommended for the bottom of surfaces of all objects to remain on the fire table indefinitely. This is especially important with items that contain moisture or natural stone materials such as unglazed ceramics or pots. Unglazed ceramics compete for residual moisture in the fire table and can cause discoloration.

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Warnings

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- Fire table should be installed and inspected by a certified plumber before use.
- Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service or maintenance can cause injury or property damage. Never alter the design of the fire table.
- Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or gas supplier. Fire tables should be inspected prior to use and at least annually by a qualified service person.
- Before use, be sure to test all gas connections for leaks. Do not use fire table if there is any evidence of leaking gas. If leaking gas is suspected, turn off the main gas supply and repair immediately.
- For outdoor use only.
- **Refer to HPC's (burner manufacturer) "Overhead Structures and Sidewall Clearance Requirements".** Flame should be at least 36" (under 200,000 BTU) or 48" (over 200,000 BTU) away from all combustible materials on the sides and 84" (under 200,000 BTU) or 120" (over 200,000 BTU) away from all combustible materials above. Make sure there is no vegetation or other objects over the top or sides of the fire table that could interfere with safe operation.
- A deck insulation kit must be installed if placing the fire feature on a wood or combustible surface.
- Do not use with wood or any other combustibles. Solid fuels shall not be burned in the fire table. Leaves, sticks, wood, paper, clothing, food material, should be kept away from the flame. Keep all debris out of fire table.
- Do not use fire table if any part has been submerged under water, make sure any water is drained from the fire table before use. Always ensure that your fire table is draining water properly. (i.e. Draining weep holes at base are not obstructed by debris.)
- Use only provided lava rock. never use any material that is nonporous and holds moisture such as gravel, pebbles, river rocks, etc. This material, when heated will cause the trapped moisture to boil and fracture unexpectedly. This material is not sufficiently porous to allow heated steam to readily escape which can break and cause personal injury or damage.
- If lava rock is wet, allow the rock to fully dry or allow fire table to burn for 45 minutes prior to coming within 15 feet of the fire table.
- Wind and gusty conditions will affect the flame in an unpredictable manner. If conditions exist that are not safe for patrons turn the fire table off.
- Never leave fire unattended or attended by an adult that is unfamiliar with emergency shut-off.
- Be aware of high surface temperatures. Always allow ample cooling time after shut-off before touching or covering.
- Always maintain safe distance from fire and always supervise children around fire
- Read the safety information on "what to do if you smell gas" in the troubleshooting section of HPC's installation & operation documents.
- Turn off gas line when not in use.
- Allow fire table to cool before touching, covering or maintaining/cleaning.



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Operation & Installation Instructions

Please refer to HPC's documents for this information

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Cover Care and Cleaning

We recommend using your cover whenever the fire table is not in use and in adverse weather conditions. Allow for an ample cooling period before covering.

One of the best ways to keep Sunbrella® fabrics looking good is to hose fabrics off on a monthly basis with clear water. This helps prevent dirt from becoming deeply embedded in the fabric and eliminates the need for more frequent vigorous cleaning. In most environments, a thorough cleaning will be needed every two to three years.

When it's time for a thorough cleaning, Sunbrella fabrics can be cleaned while still on the fire feature, size permitting, they can be removed for cleaning in a washing machine.

GENERAL OR LIGHT CLEANING

To clean the Sunbrella cover, follow these simple steps:

- Brush off loose dirt
- Hose down
- Prepare a cleaning solution of water and mild soap such as Woolite or Dawn dishwashing liquid
- Use a soft bristle brush to clean
- Allow cleaning solution to soak into the fabric
- Rinse thoroughly until all soap residue is removed
- Air dry
- May not require re-treatment depending on the age of the fabric

If stubborn stains persist, you can use a diluted bleach/soap mixture for spot cleaning of mildew or other similar stains (see our Stain Chart for specific recommendations).

www.sunbrella.com/stainchart

HEAVY CLEANING FOR STUBBORN STAINS & MILDEW

Sunbrella fabrics do not promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the fabric.

To clean stubborn stains:

- Prepare a solution of 1 cup bleach and 1/4 cup of mild soap per gallon of clean water
- Soak affected area in solution for 15 minutes
- Remove stain with a sponge or clean towel
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue
- Air dry

Remember to protect the area around your Sunbrella fabric if using a bleach solution. Carpet or other fabrics that are not Sunbrella may have an adverse reaction to the bleach. If a cover is suitable in size for a washing machine, these steps should be followed:

- Use mild soap
- For heavier stains add 1 cup of bleach to wash
- Wash and rinse in cold water
- Air dry. Never apply heat to Sunbrella
- Re-treatment for water and stain resistance will be necessary after machine washing

RE-TREATING THE FABRIC

As part of the finishing process, Sunbrella fabrics are treated with a fluorocarbon finish, which enhances water repellency. This finish is designed to last for several years, but must be replenished after a thorough cleaning. Based on test results, Glen Raven® recommends 303® Fabric Guard™ as the preferred re-treatment product for Sunbrella fabrics. Fabrics should be re-treated after thorough cleaning or after five years of use.

For more information on re-treatment products, please visit www.303products.com.



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APPLYING 303 FABRIC GUARD

303 should be applied to Sunbrella fabrics after each thorough cleaning, which typically removes the original finish and reduces the fabric's water repellency.

- Clean Sunbrella fabric, using one of the cleaning methods
- Allow Sunbrella to completely air dry
- Apply 303 Fabric Guard in a well ventilated area following instructions on the container
- Apply 303 in a thin, even coat and allow fabric to dry completely
- Apply a second thin, even coating of 303 (Two light coatings are more effective in restoring fabric water resistance than a single heavy coating)
- Note: A 15-ounce bottle provides coverage of up to 50 square feet of fabric

PROFESSIONAL CLEANERS

You may have access to professional cleaning firms. In evaluating the services of a professional firm, you should inquire about a firm's experience in working with Sunbrella fabrics and knowledge of cleaning and re-treatment requirements.

DO NOT dry clean Sunbrella fabrics.

HELPFUL HINTS

Protect the area around the Sunbrella fabric when using a bleach solution – bleach may discolor non-Sunbrella fabrics. Always rinse Sunbrella thoroughly to completely remove bleach.

Please be aware of the environment when cleaning with bleach. Bleach can have harmful effects on the natural environment around you. We do not advise using bleach if you are surrounded by a body of water or other environment that could be affected.

Sunbrella air dries very quickly. Machine drying is not necessary.

If fabric has some wrinkling, use an iron, if necessary, but only on the synthetic setting. As some irons exceed the recommended temperature on the synthetic setting, test a small inconspicuous area before ironing entire piece.

DO NOT use a steamer or iron set to steam setting.

Use of bleach and/or advanced age of the fabric application may impact the deterioration of the sewing thread and other non-Sunbrella components.

For more information, call 336.221.2211

