

## **UPHOLSTERY CLEANING**

### **PURPOSE**

To deep clean imbedded soil and preserve an attractive appearance.

### **SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT**

- Carpet or upholstery extractor
- Upholster tool
- Upholster pre-spray
- Air mover (optional)
- Defoamer
- Carpet deodorizer concentrate
- Measuring cup
- Bucket
- Pressure sprayer
- Clean rags and wipers

### **PROCEDURE**

#### **1) Cleaning**

- a) Pre-inspect, pretest and vacuum.
- b) Clean the cushions first, because heavily soiled area might need to be lightly re-cleaned. The cushions may need to be repositioned for drying.
- c) After cleaning seat cushions, place them in a "teepee" or "A" fashion. Place butcher or wax paper between the cushions to avoid color transfer, browning or watermarks. Never place the cushion back on decking during the drying process.
- d) Wet out the deck underneath the seat cushions with your cleaning solution and dry extract. This avoids water rings from over spraying and drips as you clean.
- e) Generally the best cleaning sequence is to go from the dirtiest to the cleanest. A typical sequence would be cushions, top and inside arms, front back, flounce or kickboard, outside arms and finally outside back.
- f) Start cleaning from the bottom and work your way to the top. This avoids dirty cleaning solution from dripping onto the fabric. A sofa or chair may be tipped to make the cleaning easier and more efficient.

#### **2) Finishing procedures after drying**

- a) Lightly dry brush to remove any fabric stiffness.
- b) On velvets or pile fabrics brush up them brush down.
- c) On wood areas use a colorless furniture polish to remove water spots and enhance finish.