



## **- Aluminum Railing -** Cleaning Guidelines

Maintaining the appearance of your architectural powder coated railing is just like caring for your car. The occasional wash is a smart way to protect your investment. Over time with exposure to elements, your railing may show signs of weathering such as loss of gloss, chalking, or a slight color change. A simple regular clean may minimize the effects of weathering and removes dirt, grime and other build-up detrimental to the appearance of your fence.

The best method of maintaining the appearance of your railing is to occasionally wash your railing using a solution of warm water and a non-abrasive, pH neutral detergent solution. Surface should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to remove all residues. All surfaces should be cleaned using a soft white cloth, sponge or a soft bristle brush. If a pressure washer is used, be sure not to exceed 400 PSI. The following cleaners have been tested by Digger Specialties, Inc. and deemed acceptable:

409<sup>®</sup> - Spray Nine<sup>®</sup> - Simple Green<sup>®</sup> - Fantastik<sup>®</sup> - Windex<sup>®</sup>

Do not clean your railing with solvents such as thinners or solutions containing chlorinated hydrocarbons, esters or ketenes.

The frequency of cleaning will depend on the environment and railing location. We require the following cleaning schedule information for warranty claims.

For installations where the atmosphere is influenced by bodies of salt water or other contaminant conditions, please follow the following guidelines:

Cleaning Frequency .....Every 6-9 months  
Cleaning Procedure .....See Above  
Documentation .....Cleaning date  
Cleaning method used.  
Brand and amount of chemical used.  
Invoice from Cleaning company (if no contractor is required, a receipt for the chemicals used will be required).  
Pressure washer brand name, model and PSI setting.