



# Caring for your Custom Draperies

## Drapery Care & Maintenance

Caring for your custom window treatments starts with removing airborne dirt and dust. This can be achieved by periodic vacuuming of the fabric, paying particular attention to the pleats and folds where dust lands.

It is important to understand the inherent limitations of certain fabrics as well as the invisible influences of the environment in which the draperies hang. These will affect the life and appearance of your draperies. Please take a moment to read the following information so that you will have realistic expectations and be better equipped to protect the investment you have made in your home by adding custom draperies.

## Invisible Enemies of Your Draperies

Today's fabrics are lovelier and longer lasting than ever, but each has its own set of limitations based on the fiber content. In addition to the limitations of wear-ability of the fibers themselves, there are various invisible enemies which are constantly attacking the fibers of the material and effect the product life.

## Sunlight

Constant exposure to the bright hot rays of the sun will weaken most fibers over time and can cause varying degrees of color fading and streaking. Drapery lining, window film and constant use of shades or blinds behind the drapery will reduce the negative effects of sunlight.

## Humidity

Humidity will effect fabrics differently. Loosely woven fabrics may be most likely to show the effects of humidity changes by either shrinking or stretching.

## Maintenance

Maintenance of your draperies involves routine vacuuming with the brush attachment on your vacuum cleaner. Depending upon dust conditions, local construction, cooking habits, and other factors, you may wish to do this every three to four months.

## Cleaning

After months and months of exposure to dust, cooking or tobacco smoke residues, and other environmental pollutants, your draperies will need to be professionally cleaned. On-site cleaning is recommended. Your draperies, valances and top treatments and shades will be cleaned while hanging on the window, thus ensuring minimal shrinkage. The investment you have made in your new draperies is worth protecting. The dividend will be years of enjoyment for your family and for guests in your home.

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