

# Cleaning Recommendations

Special-Lite entrance products are manufactured with the most durable factory finishes available to provide many years of trouble-free use with only occasional cleaning required. Special-Lite does not endorse any specific cleaning products, but does recommend that products be selected and used following the general guidelines below:

## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Clean entrance products frequently to avoid dirt build-up that can prematurely age entrance finishes, and remove stains such as graffiti immediately.

Start with a forceful cold-water rinse from top to bottom of the entrance, rubbing with a soft brush, sponge or cloth while rinsing. If a simple water rinse does not remove soil, a mild cleaner may be required.

For routine cleaning and stain removal, always use the mildest cleaner that yields satisfactory results, using repeat applications if necessary before switching to a stronger cleaner.

Use a mild soap or general-purpose cleaner, preferably one that is biodegradable, non-toxic, and water-soluble. A neutral cleaner (pH range 6.5 to 7.5) is recommended.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for dilution and application of cleaning products. Test cleaners and graffiti removers on a small, inconspicuous area of the door before applying to the entire door surface.

Wash the entrance from top to bottom, rinsing often. Apply cleaner with a sponge, soft brush or cloth, working across the door surface in a circular scrubbing motion. A soft bristle brush is recommended to remove stains from wood grain textured door surfaces.

After cleaning, rinse thoroughly with cold water to remove all cleaner residues, especially from joints and crevices, and wipe dry to avoid spotting, or allow to air dry.

Clean only when weather is moderate and doors are not exposed to direct sunlight.

If cleaning with a mild soap fails to remove soil or stains, contact your cleaning supply vendor for assistance.

## PRECAUTIONS

Avoid the use of cleaning products with petroleum-based active ingredients.

Do not use abrasive cleaners or abrasive cleaning pads.

Do not use aggressive alkaline or acid cleaners.

Do not use hot water (over 130°F / 55°C) to dilute cleaners or rinse entrances.

Do not wash entrance when exposed to intense direct sunlight sufficient to make doors hot to the touch.

Avoid power washers.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A variety of "green" cleaners are available today for routine cleaning and stain removal which can reduce the environmental and health impact of these maintenance activities. Information on green cleaners and graffiti removers can be found on the following websites:

[www.greencleaningnetwork.org](http://www.greencleaningnetwork.org)  
[www.greenguard.org](http://www.greenguard.org)  
[www.greenseal.org](http://www.greenseal.org)

