

Williams Quality Covers

Mid-Summer Canvas Care Checklist

Print and post near your boat. Check off every two weeks May–September.

WEEKLY (15 minutes)

Date: _____

- Inspect canvas for fade, discoloration, or stiffness
- Check for salt residue on fabric and hardware
- Look for mildew spots or musty smell
- Test zippers and snaps—smooth operation?

Notes: _____

BI-WEEKLY (30 minutes)

Date: _____

Canvas & Seams

- Rinse canvas with fresh water (no pressure washer)
- Dry thoroughly (4+ hours air-dry)
- Inspect seams for loose threads or separation
- Check edges for chafe damage or fraying
- Look for new tears or holes

Hardware & Fasteners

- Inspect all snaps, grommets, zippers for corrosion
- Tighten all bolts, screws, rivets with wrench
- Lubricate zippers and snaps (silicone spray)
- Clean hardware with soft brush and mild soap
- Dry all hardware completely

Mildew Check

- Inspect fold lines and creases
- Smell canvas—any musty odor?
- If spotted: Spray 1:3 vinegar/water, let 15 min, rinse, dry

Notes: _____

MONTHLY (Deep Dive)

- Wash canvas with mild soap and soft brush
- Inspect and clean all hardware with soft brush
- Check grommets for corrosion or loose rivets
- Review fold lines and creases for mildew
- Test structural integrity (gentle tug on attachment points)

RED FLAGS — Call a Pro

If you see any of these, contact us at 425-553-6900

- Large seam separation (>2 inches)
- Active mildew across >10% of canvas
- Severe hardware corrosion or frozen zippers
- Tears or holes >1 inch
- Fabric feels brittle, chalky, or weak
- Canvas shrinkage affecting fit

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Keep this checklist in your boat cabin or galley. Preventive care saves time, money, and headaches.