

# Care and Maintenance Procedures

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## Glass

In order to maintain a clean glass surface, cleaning must be performed on a regular basis; the frequency of cleaning the glass is determined by the desired appearance of the structure and by the local environment but should occur at least every six months. Areas close to the sea or subject to industrial fall out and having limited rainfall require more frequent attention.

- Rinse glass to remove loose dirt.
- Apply mild soap, mild detergent or in extreme cases commercial solvents to glass either by spraying or using clean, grit free cloth or sponge saturated with the cleaning solution.

**Note: Solvent manufacturer's directions and warnings must be followed at all times.**

- The above cleaning solutions should be wiped onto the glass in a circular motion, applying light to moderate pressure.
  - The Glass surface should then be cleaned immediately with generous amounts of clean water, removing the cleaning solution from the glass. In no case should a 'blade', 'scraper', 'Steel wool', or similar tool be applied to the glass surface.
  - Using a squeegee or a clean lint free dry cloth, remove the water from the glass surface.
  - If required, steps may be repeated.
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## Stainless Steel

In order to maintain your 316 marine grade Stainless Steel spigots we encourage everyone to perform maintenance on them every 3 to 6 months. To protect your Stainless Steel use a metal polish product that can clean, polishes and protects your stainless steel. Various products are available including Lanolin and Autosol. Wipe down your spigots every 3 to 6 months (depending on your environments) with a soft cloth then provide a light coat of your metal polish product over the spigots, allow to dry then hose down.

Depending on some environments you may notice small brown marks appearing on your stainless steel spigots, this is called tea staining. Tea staining occurs most commonly within about five kilometres of the surf or a few hundred metres from a sheltered bay. It becomes progressively worse closer to the marine source. However, wind exposure, industrial pollution levels and higher temperatures can create environments where tea staining might occur 20 kilometres from the sea.

Tea staining can also be removed by following the maintenance procedure with particular attention to rubbing the spigots gently with the metal polish product until the stains have been removed. Take a close look at the grain of the stainless steel. Do not rub against it as this will cause it to become permanently scratched. Don't use abrasive cleaning products or cleaning tools

**Avoid using any kind of acid or acid cleaning products near or on the Stainless Steel Spigots.  
Acid will burn your Stainless Steel!**