

APPENDIX E

How to Drain Water From Your Awning Fabric

WARNING: THE SUNSETTER AWNING IS NOT DESIGNED TO HOLD THE WEIGHT OF RAINWATER POOLING ON THE FABRIC. ACCUMULATION OF RAINWATER ON THE FABRIC COULD COLLAPSE THE AWNING AND CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY!

If, for any reason, rainwater accumulated on the fabric, follow the instructions below to remove the water. You will need a helper for this procedure.

WARNING: NEVER WALK UNDER AN AWNING WITH WATER ACCUMULATED ON THE FABRIC! THERE COULD BE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WEIGHT ON THE AWNING AND THE FRAME COULD COLLAPSE AT ANY MOMENT AND CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY!

1. Connect a common garden hose to your outside water faucet.
2. While standing in front of the awning (**BUT NOT UNDER THE AWNING**), visually observe where is the deepest point of the water pooling on the fabric.
3. Hold the open end of the garden hose about head high. **DO NOT ALLOW ANY WATER TO RUN ONTO THE FABRIC.**
4. Have a helper turn the water faucet on. Let water run **ONTO THE GROUND** until there is a solid stream of water.
5. Continue to hold the end of the hose head high and have your helper turn the water **OFF**. Leave the hose connected to the faucet.
6. Place the end of the hose over the front of the awning and let the open end of the hose slide into the deepest point of the water pool. **DO NOT GO UNDER THE AWNING!**
7. While the open end of the hose is **UNDER THE SURFACE OF THE WATER**, have your helper disconnect the water hose from the faucet and lay it on the ground.
8. The siphon caused by the water running out of the hose will drain the water from your awning. Let the water continue to drain until the flow of the water through the hose stops.
9. While keeping the end of the hose submerged, move it around on the fabric to keep it under the surface of the water to fully drain the water from the fabric.
10. When the drain stops, make sure most of the water was drained. If not, repeat the process until most of the water is drained off of the fabric.
11. Close the awning and let the rest of the water run off totally from the fabric.
12. Inspect your awning for damaged parts, and check for normal operation.