

## Caring For Your Curtains

We tell clients that curtains will last 4-6 years with reasonable care. Some clients who have followed these rules have gotten much longer life from their curtains. Others who have ignored caring instructions have gotten less than 4 years. We love when clients get more life from their curtains and are disappointed when they must re-order prematurely.

- Curtains MUST be rinsed about every three months. Airborne street crud will degrade the strength of your curtains and shorten the life. You can rinse with a hose while curtains are in place or soak them in a bath tub (removing fiberglass rods) for a deeper clean. Do not use bleach as just a light detergent will do. Line dry (air dry curtains)
- If storing, store in a sealed container as rodents love to nest in them. Remove fiberglass rods and fold like a blanket.
- Remove curtains altogether during the season when bugs are inactive. They aren't doing you any good and it's a good time to wash them and avoid the weather elements. Curtains with tracking attachment that are tied back is an invitation for squirrels to nest and they WILL do damage.
- Avoid fire and very hot objects. Avoid cigarettes and BBQs. Tell your gardener that backing into it with a hot gas powered blower will melt a hole. Also tell them that a weed eater will rip through the netting.
- Avoid sharp objects. Anything "pokey" will eventually wear a hole over time. Remove that raised nail head, pad that sharp corner. It may seem fine now, but think about what could happen over the years.