

Households Release

Household items such as draperies and curtains, throw pillows, spreads and comforters are an important part of your home's décor. So it is important that you know some critical points of their cleaning prior to leaving these items in our care.

Damage due to sunlight—all fabric window coverings will be subject to deterioration from sunlight, regardless of the direction the windows they cover face. Over time, sunlight can cause wear in fabric that may result in tearing when the window coverings are cleaned. Sun fading may not be apparent until the draperies or curtains are cleaned as normal household soil can mask this.

Holes or tears due to degradation of fabric—all homes have insects at one time or another. Often we do not see these creatures because they are small in size and hide in fabric. Insects will leave a residue on fabric that will in time leave stains or damage it, possibly causing holes and tears when the fabric is subjected to cleaning. Older fabric, such as on a bedspread or quilt, may also tear in the cleaning process.

Stains due to water—in an area where humidity is high in the summer, your draperies or curtains may likely sustain water damage. This damage is not visible until the window coverings are cleaned when the heat from finishing units causes the stains to darken.

First time cleaning—most manufacturers presuppose a shrinkage factor of 2 to 4% on household items during their first cleaning. If your window coverings are an exact length and will not look good if they shrink even an inch, you should be aware of this risk on first time cleaning. For pleated draperies, our Adjust a Drape service assures that your draperies will be the same length after cleaning as they were before. However, on other styles of draperies or curtains, we cannot make this guarantee. Likewise, comforters and spreads as well as throw pillows may also shrink during the cleaning process. If your spread has piping around the edges and the manufacturer has not allowed enough selvage in the seams, piping may pull away from the spread on the first cleaning.

Dye Bleed or Migration—There is also no way for us to determine if first time cleaning will change the color of the fabric due to non-fast dyes as even a small test space on the back of the hem cannot be conclusive. If you are having a household item cleaned for the first time, and this item has accompanying pieces, they should all be cleaned together.

Throw Pillows—It is difficult to determine how the filler in throw pillows will respond to cleaning as this material deteriorates over time. Spot cleaning of throw pillows is the preferred process. However, a ring may be left depending upon the fabric.

Decorative Trims—Some household items contain decorative trim of some type. Sometimes these trims are not constructed to withstand normally acceptable cleaning procedures. Beads and glitter may be attached to the garment or household item with adhesives which may become soluble during the cleaning process. This can result in complete loss of beads or similar trim. Some beads may look like pearls but are made of a plastic such as polystyrene. Polystyrene dissolves or softens in most standard dry cleaning solvents, causing "stickiness" of the beads. Beads and glitter can also be covered with coatings—not resistant to solvent- to brighten them. After cleaning, shiny or brightly colored beads and glitter may dull or become colorless or even self stain other areas of the item. Tassels and fringe may not be properly designed to hold up in the cleaning process. The National Care Label Rule clearly states that wearing apparel must have a care label giving a viable care method. The care label is required to cover all component parts of the garment including the decorative trims. Household items are not required to have care labels. We will clean these to the best of our ability and knowledge but the customer must understand that we assume no liability for items that do not have a care label.

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