



Spring Shade Sail Installation Checklist

Inspect, reinstall, tension, and verify your seasonal shade sail system.

IMPORTANT: Wait until the risk of accumulating snow and ice has passed before reinstalling a seasonal shade sail.

BEFORE INSTALLATION

- ☐ Locate the photos, labels, corner assignments, and turnbuckle settings recorded during fall removal.
- ☐ Confirm that each sail and its hardware match the correct installation location.
- ☐ Inspect posts and foundations for movement, cracking, or freeze-and-thaw damage.
- ☐ Inspect brackets, welds, cables, and every attachment point.
- ☐ Check turnbuckles, shackles, pins, bolts, fasteners, and locking components.
- ☐ Look for corrosion, bent hardware, seized components, or damaged powder coating.
- ☐ Inspect fabric corners, seams, stitching, and perimeter cables.
- ☐ Confirm the sail is clean, dry, and free of mildew, stains, or storage damage.
- ☐ Clear the work area and confirm access equipment can be used safely.

NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED

DURING INSTALLATION

- ☐ Match each sail and fitting to its labeled location and orientation.
- ☐ Reconnect the sail using the recorded corner assignments.
- ☐ Support the fabric; do not drag it across rough or sharp surfaces.
- ☐ Attach all corners loosely before applying full tension.
- ☐ Apply tension gradually and evenly. Do not fully tighten one corner at a time.
- ☐ Confirm the intended shape and twist, proper clearance, and free water drainage.
- ☐ Secure every pin, shackle, fastener, and locking component.
- ☐ Never force the sail to reach an attachment point.

FINAL INSPECTION

- ☐ Confirm the sail is smooth, stable, and properly tensioned.
- ☐ Check for sagging, wrinkles, unusual pulling, or persistent flapping.
- ☐ Confirm perimeter cables are positioned correctly and corners are not distorted.
- ☐ Photograph the completed installation for future reference.
- ☐ Recheck after the first significant weather event and inspect periodically.

STOP AND REQUEST PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE if the sail no longer fits normally, the structure appears to have moved, hardware is damaged, or safe access requires specialized equipment.