



## **Mailbox Stainless Steel and Powder Coated Metal Finish Care**

Spira Mail box products were designed and developed to withstand harsh weather environments. However, like all metal finishes can be scratched if abused or left without some dirt and grit removal throughout the seasons.

**Powder Coated Metal Finishes-** All powder coated aluminum and stainless steel finishes can be cleaned with a garden hose and a mild detergent periodically. Just like washing a car, grit should be washed off before using a clean sponge or soft brush to clean the item.

**Stainless Steel Finishes-**Just like wood, stainless steel also has a grain. These are the very faint striations that can be found on the surface of the SPIRA product. As an example, an entire sheet of stainless steel will have the same directional grain. That said, a SPIRA product can be polished (preferably in the direction of the grain), with a high quality stainless steel cleaner following a water/mild detergent rinse/cleaning to remove any seasonal accumulation of dirt and grit. Barkeepers Friend is a good product to use on the stainless, and is available at most home stores.



Will your SPIRA Stainless product be ruined if you do not clean in the direction of the grain? Nope. Nothing dramatic will happen! Only that if you wipe perpendicular to the grain, more cleaning residue (mixed with any grime already on the steel) may get deeper into the tiny little crevices of the grain. For optimal shininess and the reason your chose the stainless finish, it's always best to clean/polish with the grain.