



PRESERVED TREESCAPES INTERNATIONAL

Cleaning Recommendations for Preserved Palms

Preserved palms from PTI are at home in projects around the world. Other than cleaning, PTI preserved palms are virtually maintenance free. There is no need for horticultural maintenance such as pest control and watering.

How often do preserved palms need to be cleaned?

Just as any living plant, or interior fixture, it is important that preserved palms be cleaned on a regular basis. As a rule of thumb, in the “average” environment, we recommend quarterly cleaning. If there is food service in the building and grease particles in the air, more frequent cleaning will be necessary. Construction dust, or lint from a laundry facility, for example, will also create a need for more frequent cleaning.

How should preserved palms be cleaned?

In regard to cleaning, treat preserved foliage with gentle, tender care, just as you would a live plant. You can clean dust from the fronds by gently brushing the surface with a soft brush, feather duster or gentle use of a vacuum cleaner. When cleaning is done on a frequent basis, the foliage can remain in the tree.

If there has been a heavy accumulation of dust or grime, we recommend that you carefully remove the foliage for cleaning. You can softly spray the fronds with clear water to wash the surface. Do not use any solvent based or harsh detergents when cleaning the fronds. Air dry the foliage before you re-install the fronds.

Fan fronds have a unique characteristic to be aware of. The largest flat surface of a fan frond is structurally supported by the ribs, or corrugations. These zig-zag folds, or corrugations, provide the structural “engineering” to hold the frond up. It is very important that you not flatten, or damage, these structural ribs. If you flatten the ribs, the frond will, most probably, bend and have to be replaced.

You can clean the palm trunks by dusting with a brush, vacuum cleaner, or blowing compressed air.