

Winter Storage Guidance



SureShade sunshade systems are built with quality marine grade construction and materials, however - just like other parts of your boat - our canvas systems need to be protected from snow and other harsh winter weather conditions to protect the canvas and mechanical components.

SureShade recommends customers take proper precautions to avoid damage during winter storage (or ground transportation for winter storage), which includes fully retracting and securing the SureShade sunshade system and properly tarping or shrink-wrapping your boat.

Frequently Asked Questions on Winter Storage

Does the SureShade unit need to be removed?

No, however we do recommend fully retracting the shade and protecting the unit with tarps or marine shrink wrap during the winter.

How should we protect the SureShade unit & electrical components over the winter?

In general the electronics are kept in a protected area, so standard winterization efforts will be sufficient. No special protection is needed for any exposed wires as long as boat is properly shrink-wrapped.

Do you need to remove the canvas from the SureShade system?

No. We do not recommend removing canvas from the roller because there is the possibility of it being replaced incorrectly which would then damage the roller. The roller can stay on the framework as long as it's properly protected with tarps or shrink-wrap.

How should we protect the canvas on the roller?

Retract the shade, wrap the roller and canvas with either a tarp, shrink wrap material, or the like and then tape it up real good.

Is there any issue with weight of snow sitting on top of unit during the winter?

This is really about shrink-wrapping the whole boat. As long as the boat is properly shrink-wrapped so that snow can slide off and doesn't accumulate, there will be no issue.

Transporting your Boat During the Winter?

Many boaters transport their boats to a storage location or a warmer climate during the winter months. To ensure that the SureShade system is properly transported and avoid potential damage, see our Ground Transportation Guide.