

## Household

At El Dorado Cleaners we don't just clean clothes, we also process household items such as blankets and bedspreads, comforters, shams, draperies and even zippered upholstery covers. While these items brighten our homes, they are collecting dust, grime, food crumbs, and stains. We have the knowledge and equipment to help you care for your household items so you can enjoy them even longer.

### First things first ...

When a manufacturer doesn't properly preshrink fabric used for draperies, pillow covers and other decor items, even dry cleaning may not help in avoiding shrinkage. Also keep in mind that some fabrics are treated with sizing or finishes to impart body and these may oxidize and yellow with age. Did you know? ...A blanket's construction plays a direct role in its thermal qualities. El Dorado Cleaners are skilled in the methods of cleaning blankets to preserve their heat retaining qualities and appearance. Many comforters will not be cleaned properly and risk damage in a home washer and dryer. At El Dorado Cleaners we can process your comforters to get the dust and grime out of them safely.

Sun, moisture and air contaminants can do terrible things to draperies. How long a drapery lasts depends on many factors including the care they receive. Having them professionally cleaned on a regular basis will help you get the most out of your drapes.

Generally speaking ...The best way to prevent excessive damage or fading of your household items is to rotate a few different sets of drapes, blankets or comforters periodically. Keep furniture out of direct light to minimize fading. This will not only brighten the look of your home, but it will ensure that you get the most out of your household items.

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