

Residents have many expensive and valuable vehicles in VG&RC so why are Car Covers not permitted in VG&RC??? Car Covers can be very problematic:

UV Rays Will Fade Paintwork

Some car covers allow ultraviolet (UV) light to pass through, even though many people buy them to protect their car's paint from sun damage. Manufacturers often claim their covers block UV rays and suggest that sun exposure will cause paint to fade, crack, or peel. In reality, modern cars have a clear coat over the paint that already blocks all UVA and UVB rays—provided the clear coat is in good condition. While car covers can help protect plastic and rubber parts, they are generally unnecessary for preserving paint.

Car Covers Can Actually Cause Scratches

Many people use car covers to prevent scratches, but they can sometimes do more harm than good. While the cover material itself isn't abrasive, it can trap dirt, dust, and debris—especially if the car isn't perfectly clean. Sliding a cover over a dirty surface can grind these particles into the clear coat or plastic trim, causing fine scratches. A brand-new, clean cover on a spotless car is relatively safe, but in everyday use, covers often contribute to the very damage they're meant to prevent.

Car Covers Don't Fully Protect Against Dirt, Scratches, or Moisture

While car covers can be useful for indoor storage, using them outdoors for more than a few days can actually cause harm. Even so-called “waterproof” covers aren’t completely sealed and can trap moisture between the cover and your car’s surface. This trapped moisture dries slowly, potentially leading to paint or body damage. In hot, sunny climates—like Florida—the cover itself can degrade over time and may even damage the car’s finish. In many cases, a car cover creates more problems than it prevents.

Car Covers Are Not Ideal for Long-Term Use

Car covers get dirty quickly and are difficult to clean. While they can be useful for short-term indoor storage, using them outdoors for extended periods often causes more harm than good. Even “waterproof” covers aren’t completely effective—they can trap moisture between the cover and your car’s surface, leading to slow drying and potential damage. In hot, sunny climates, the cover itself can deteriorate over time, possibly leaving permanent marks or damage on your vehicle’s paint and bodywork.

RATS

Another reason not to leave your car outside, long term is that in Florida there are Palm Rats...they may seek shelter from the weather making your engine compartment their home, destroying parts and wiring.