



THE CARE & MAINTENANCE OF YOUR ARTIFICIAL GRASS

Congratulations on your new GroTurf artificial grass installation! Your new turf requires minimal maintenance to keep it looking at optimal level, but we do recommend following these guidelines for maximum longevity.



Following these simple suggestions will ensure your turf always looks and performs its best for years to come:

PROTECT IT AND KEEP IT CLEAN –

- Keep your lawn or green free of debris, mud, and litter
- Use caution with fire pits, fireworks, and smoking on the surface
- Repair minor damage promptly
- Follow our suggested maintenance and cleaning procedures
- Avoid placing heavy items on the turf for extended periods of time to prevent matting
- Clean up pet waste and rinse area frequently
- Do not use wire brushes, sharp objects, or high-pressure sprays exceeding 1,000psi



GENERAL CLEANING AND STAIN REMOVAL

Rain or a thorough spray-down with the hose is the most effective way to clean dust and other particles off the blades of grass, and it should be done on a regular basis. We usually recommend weekly. It is recommended to simply use a thumb over the end of the hose to prevent displacement of the sand within the turf. If twigs, leaves or other small debris accumulate on your grass, we recommend you use a leaf blower on a low setting, as needed, holding the blower at least 24 inches away from the turf's surface.

If you spill something on your artificial turf, it can appear stained. However, most stains are not actual stains to the fibers, but rather residue that should be promptly removed. Remove any solid or paste-like deposits with a spatula or table knife. Blot up excess liquids with a thick stack of paper towels or a dry absorbent.

Water is the first choice when cleaning your artificial grass, however, a mild soap can be mixed in if water doesn't work. A warm, diluted solution of granular household laundry detergent such as Tide, or any neutral low sudsing detergent that is recommended for fine fabrics can work. Use approximately one teaspoon of detergent to one pint of water. This will handle most stains. A very mild solution (<3%) of ammonia may also be used for severe issues, but the area must be thoroughly rinsed with clean water immediately after use.



PET WASTE

The permeability of our turf backing greatly reduces the possibility of odor, but be sure to spray down your turf with a garden hose regularly, especially if there hasn't been much rain. Any solid pet waste should be removed and disposed of. Pet waste will not cause discoloration or damage to the turf.

WEEDS & INSECTS

Once in a while you may notice weeds growing around the fringe area of the synthetic grass, or have even germinated in the sand infill of your lawn. Consistent monitoring will make it easy to manually remove any weeds or unwanted growth. You may use any non-colored weed killer, which can be sprayed directly on the turf to control growth. To avoid ants and insects, apply pellets on the affected area and activate as recommended on the label. You can also use any non-colored pest control agent.

PREVENT HEAT DAMAGE

Avoid leaving glass, metal, or reflective materials on or near the turf. Reflections can intensify heat and melt the fibers. In some situations, a UV Coating or Screening on your windows may be needed in order to protect the surfaces from damaging reflections.

SNOW AND ICE

Snow and ice cover can cause debris from the previous fall season to become more embedded in the turf. This will require some additional effort in removing the debris. It can generally be left to melt and run off on their own accord. You can also loosen the debris with a broom or your feet and then follow up with a leaf blower on a low setting.



MINOR REPAIRS TO SYNTHETIC GRASS SURFACES

Your new lawn turf has been engineered to provide many years of service, along with the installation materials and methods used. It's important to repair any minor damage immediately because a small problem could possibly grow into a major repair. At least once a year, your surface should be given a careful and thorough inspection and any loose areas noted and repaired.

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE TOOLS FOR LAWNS



GroTurf recommends that every synthetic lawn has routine raking or power brooming approximately every 80 to 120 hours of usage. Additional attention and grooming may be necessary if the infill has become displaced due to excessive use in certain areas of the surface.

A BASIC PLASTIC RAKE - A basic plastic rake lifts the fibers and ensures they are upright and looking their best. Always rake against the grain.

POWER BROOM (LARGE LAWNS) - For large lawn spaces, it will be faster to fluff up your turf using a power broom. GroTurf recommends a Stihl Yard Boss with Nylon Broom Attachment for fluffing up your turf fibers. Always power broom against the grain.

LEAF BLOWER - Use a low setting, holding the blower at least 24" away to not disrupt the sand infill



ARTIFICIAL PUTTING GREENS CARE & MAINTENANCE

Artificial putting greens require a little extra care and attention to maintain a smooth putting surface, slope contours, maximum performance and ball response.

RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE TOOLS



NYLON PUTTING GREENS

For short pile, or nylon putting greens, there is always a chance of yearly professional maintenance needed with the freeze and thaw of the stone base each winter. Cups can get squeezed and move and have to be adjusted; turf can also move from contraction and expansion and need to be adjusted as well.

LEAF BLOWER on low setting to remove debris

PLASTIC RAKE to fluff up fringe



SAND-FILLED PUTTING GREENS

An annual professional maintenance program is recommended for your sand-filled golf green. Please contact your GroTurf representative for details.

LEAF BLOWER on low setting to remove debris

YELLOW SOFT BRISTLE BROOM - Routine brushing keeps the sand layer uniform. It ensures that the fibers stay upright and looking their best. Brushing is accomplished with a synthetic-bristle push broom suitable for brushing the surface.

We recommend the following commercial turf brush:

BRIGADE 24" All Purpose Broom with Flexsweep and 60" Handle - Available at www.whitecap.com

SOD ROLLER - If you notice your green speed is slower than normal, use a sod roller on the surface to increase the speed.

PLASTIC RAKE to fluff up fringe

