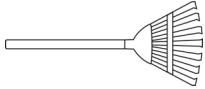




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Artificial Grass Maintenance

Artificial grass (turf) requires regular maintenance to prevent pollution and ensure its longevity. Keeping it clean is important for your health and the health of our waterways. This fact sheet will explain ways that you can protect both!



MONTHLY MAINTENANCE NEEDS

Cleaning and grooming helps keep your turf looking its best!

- ⇒ Use a flexible rake, a broom, or a stiff brush to remove dust, dirt, leaves, and other debris.
- ⇒ Brush against the natural grain to encourage an upright position of each blade.
 - If using a brush, do not use steel bristles as this may damage your lawn
- ⇒ Do not power wash synthetic grass as it will displace the infill material.
- ⇒ Clean up pet waste and spills as they occur—see further information below.

To clean turf, use dry methods first: wipe, scoop and/or bag it, then use soapy water & towel dry.

CLEAN UP PET WASTE, SPILLS, AND TREE SAP

Bacteria found in pet waste pollutes our waterways. Follow these steps to keep your turf sanitary and sticky free:

- ◆ Pick up after your pet, and place the waste in the trash.
- ◆ Use diluted soap with water or 1/2 water and 1/2 vinegar in a hand-held spray bottle to spot clean.
- ◆ Using a vinegar mixture or a turf deodorizer will help eliminate odors.
- ◆ Only use a small amount of cleaner to prevent run-off.
- ◆ Wipe up all residues with rags, paper towels, or disposable wipes.
- ◆ Empty any wash water in a toilet or other sewer connection.
- ◆ Chill melted gum or candy with ice. Once hardened, it should be easier to remove.
- ◆ Use cooking oil, or goo-gone to loosen sticky substances.
- ◆ Use a plastic putty knife, wooden paint stick, or a similar tool (without sharp edges) to scrape off sticky items.

