



Aftercare and Maintenance – Artificial Grass

Remember that artificial grass is LOW maintenance not NO maintenance!

There are a few simple steps that can be taken to ensure your Perfectly Green artificial grass product remains in the best condition for its lifetime. The trick is little and often and with this attitude, you will avoid an unwanted expense of restoring the grass earlier than would have been necessary. Neglecting these simple steps will save you time in the short term but not in the long term!

Brushing the pile

For this step, you will require a stiff brush, leaf blower or rotating/power brush. Using one of these items regularly will help to rejuvenate any areas that might have flattened slightly. For best results push against the grass in the opposite direction to where it is leaning. For best results we recommend using a power brush or petrol leaf blower.

Leaf blower



Power brush



Leaves and other debris

All debris should be removed from the Artificial Grass surface, whether it's leaves or other debris. Leaving rotting vegetation and other organic matter is not ideal as it can build up and affect drainage. All you require for this step is again a stiff brush, leaf blower, rotating/power brush. Larger debris can be picked up by hand.

Weeds

All installations should include a weed membrane beneath the grass to avoid unwanted weeds and airborne seeds embedding in the grass. Perfectly Green products have drainage holes in the backing to allow for drainage, which is why it is so important for a weed barrier to be placed directly below the grass. Should any moss or weeds appear, ensure that only a water-based weed killer is used. Always remember to remove any dead roots or weeds to avoid a build up as mentioned above.



Cleaning

Clean your artificial grass as often as you can or as often as required. Most stains can be removed using warm water and washing up liquid along with a brush. For more tricky oil-based marks, you can easily remove them using white spirits and a cloth (always test on a small patch first to ensure that you don't experience any discolouration of the grass). If you need to clean up animal mess then make sure it is removed as soon as possible, followed by a wash of the area using hot soapy water where necessary or an enzyme cleaner such as Wee Free/No Smell Gel from PG.



Even wear

If you have chairs, tables, toys or any items that remain stationary we always advise moving them around every few weeks, to ensure even wear conditions on the grass and brush the area with a stiff yard brush to stimulate the grass pile and freshen it up. It is quite normal for the grass to sit flatter in these areas than others that do not receive as much use.

The 'NEVER' do checklist:

- Avoid large and heavy vehicles being parked on the artificial surface for long periods of time.
- Cigarettes, BBQ's and Bonfires should never be used near Artificial Grass
- Mirrors or reflective glass should never be installed near Artificial Grass, the reflected light from the sun will burn the surface
- Glass and other sharp objects should never be left on the lawn unattended. Other than the obvious risk of causing serious injury to others, it can damage your lawn.
- The use of improper footwear, such as Football/Rugby Boots, Stilettos or any footwear that is not flat could damage the grass
- Strong detergents such as bleach should never be used, always use the advised methods

This is not an exhaustive list but just outlines a few of the main steps to keep your lawn as wonderful as it can be for as long as it can be!