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Absolute Home & Garden Recommended Care for: Artificial Turf

Please take the time to review the following information regarding your new Ornamental Grasses.

Maintenance is the sole responsibility of the homeowner. One of the great benefits of having an artificial lawn is the low amount of work to maintain it. The following tips will help keep your Artificial Turf looking great throughout the year. We recommend doing a little maintenance often, rather than facing a larger job at the end of each year.

Brushing

For the first 6-8 weeks after your Artificial Lawn has been installed, the infill will slowly bed into the structure of the turf. For these 6-8 weeks you should lightly brush the artificial turf on a regular basis. We recommend you use a medium, soft bristle brush. This is an important step, and the light brushing will help the turf to reach its optimum condition. However, you should be careful during this period not to brush too heavily, just light brushing regularly for this bedding in period.

Throughout the rest of your Artificial Turfs life, the most important maintenance will be to brush your lawn. This should be done once every month, in a number of directions to help keep the Turf pile upright, and feeling lush and bouncy.

Removing Surface Debris and Vegetation

With an artificial lawn, there will be an absolute minimum amount of growth of unwanted plants. Though weeds and moss are pesky plants, and may creep up. You can use a moss and weed killer on your artificial lawn, however it **must** be a **water-based weed killer**. After the moss and weeds have died, you can just remove them, or sweep them off in the case of moss.

Surface debris such as fallen leaves should be removed to prevent the buildup of organic matter in the structure of the turf. This buildup can encourage weed growth, and damage the drainage of your lawn. This is easily done either with a brush, or a leaf blower.

Stains and Marks

You can quickly remove most stains or marks from your lawn by using hot tap water with some liquid dish soap. For more tough oil marks, you can easily remove using mineral spirits and a cloth.

Animal mess should be removed from your lawn, and you can wash the area down with soapy water if needed.

What You Should NOT Do To Artificial Turf

Here are four things that are very bad for your artificial grass, and should never be allowed on your lawn.

- No broken glass or other sharp objects. Not only could they cause injury to you or others, but they can damage the surface of your grass too.
- No sources of great heat – smoking, bonfires, or fireworks. Your artificial grass is plastic, and the pile surface can melt, leaving permanent damage to your lawn. It is safest to use your barbecue on an area with patio stones, or gravel.
- No chewing gum or adhesives.
- No cars, motorbikes, or other heavy vehicles. Although bicycles, wheelbarrows and wheelchairs are all absolutely fine to use on our artificial lawns.