

CPI SYNTHETIC LANDSCAPE TURF MAINTENANCE GUIDE



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General Care

Remove debris such as leaves and branches from the surface using a leaf blower or a plastic rake. Do not use a rake with metal or wire bristles on the turf—this can tear the fibers. Use a stiff broom brush with synthetic brush bristles to rake the fibers against the grain, paying attention to high traffic areas. This helps fluff the fibers to keep them standing up and evenly levels the infill.

When using a static brush for general infill leveling and to stand up the grass fibers, use only synthetic fiber bristles and not metal or wire bristles. The optimum brush height will generally work best when the brush barely touches the tips of the turf. Do not set the brush so low that it digs into the turf or pile or backing.

In areas where rainfall is scarce, we recommend lightly spraying the turf occasionally to help flush debris, allergens and other airborne buildup that might accumulate on the turf.

Although synthetic turf is flame resistant, flames or sparks can fuse the fibers together and harm the turf. Be careful when lighting fireworks, barbecuing or smoking near the landscape turf.

Restore Infill Levels

Infill levels may decrease due to a variety of reasons—wind, storms, or may leave on clothing or shoes—and overtime the levels may need to be replenished.

Spills and Stains

If you spill sticky or staining substances on your turf, clean the area promptly. You may use a mop with a diluted mild detergent. Do not use cleaners that contain chlorine bleaches or highly acidic cleansers. Rinse area thoroughly following mopping with clean water to remove soap residue.

For oil-based stains, use a grease spot remover (perchloroethylene, dry cleaning solution). Stains of this variety could include motor oil and grease, cooking oil, suntan oil or floor wax. For chewing gum, tree sap, and other especially sticky substances, you can use a dry



cleaning fluid as mentioned above, or remove by freezing. Most carpet cleaning suppliers will sell aerosol packs of refrigerant for these purposes.

Static Electricity

Surfactants like liquid laundry fabric softeners can reduce static electricity.

Pets

CPI Turf is very pet friendly. To clean up after your pet, allow waste to dry and pick up as you normally would on natural grass. You can spray the turf occasionally with a hose to wash away debris and maximize drainage through the perforated backing. You can also use a diluted bleach solution or pet-safe cleaner (Simply Green or Nature's Miracle, for example) to sanitize the turf, but this is not required in most residential applications. If you have several pets or are a kennel owner, a product designed to remove bacteria and odors might be more necessary.

Snow and Ice

Allow snow and ice to melt and drain naturally through the artificial grass. Do not try to break the ice or use a shovel on the turf as this can break the frozen grass fibers or turf backing. Be mindful when shoveling driveways or sidewalks next to your turf. It is safe, however, to walk and play on your turf in the winter.