

## **How to Maintain and Care for your Residential Synthetic Lawn**

Maintaining synthetic grass is almost too easy! You will save plenty of time and money by not having to mow, fertilize, or heavily water your lawn to have a lush green yard.

The amount of maintenance required depends on your specific situation. Those with pets, children that are surrounded by trees or live in a dusty area

However, a little TLC does go a long way when it comes to caring for your artificial lawn.

### **Clear Debris**

Use a rake or leaf blower to clear off fallen leaves, branches, and other rotting debris that may land on top of their artificial grass. This will help your grass maintain a clean and groomed look. (We recommend a grandi groom rake which can be found at Home Depot or on Amazon for around \$25)

### **Introduce Some H2O**

Gently spray down your lawn each week with a hose to remove dust, dirt, or pollen. Occasionally watering your synthetic grass lawn also helps prevent unequal distributions of infill. During the first 4-6 weeks after installation don't water excessively to allow base to set, and don't allow excessive or heavy traffic after a heavy rainfall.

### **Cleaning Up After Your Furry Friend**

Artificial grass is safe for pets and cleaning up their solid waste is just as easy as on real grass. So plastic bags and pooper scoopers work just fine! Following pickup, hose down the target area. In addition, weekly rinsing will help your lawn smell fresh and odor free. Several products are available, but the best products to use would be the products that are made specifically for pets.

## Manufacturer Recommended general grooming and cleaning products include:

Enzyme cleaners:

- PE51 (available through [www.zeofill.com](http://www.zeofill.com))
- Wysiwash <http://www.wysiwash.com>

Vinegar:

- (5% white distilled vinegar; do not dilute, irrigate through surface)

“Green Cleaners”

- Any sort that does not contain alcohol and is biodegradable, non-foaming and low suds are best.

5-10% Solution of bleach and water:

- Remember to rinse well; bleach can collect in most infilled turf systems. Too much bleach may create its own smell and can be harsh on paws and skin.

To make the application of the liquid treatments easy, place cleaning materials into a pressurized spray bottle that has a hand wand for distributing the materials on the surfaces. If you purchase recommended products listed above most have that available. **AVOID** Cleaners containing alcohol or harsh acids this can damage the blades. You will want to use approximately 1 gallon for every 500 square feet of turf if you do it yourself, but with some products read the guidelines provided. The more soiled areas may require a greater saturation of cleaner. Rinse the area using a garden sprinkler or hose with a shower setting. **DO NOT POWER WASH FECES** though the turf it will spread it farther into fibers and makes it harder to treat.