



## ***Care and Maintenance of your Artificial Lawn***

One of the reasons you have decided to install artificial grass is to save time and money. Your FG Lawn comes with a 10 product warranty and if you maintain your lawn well your lawn should look great 15 to 20 later.

Artificial grass doesn't require the costs involved with reseeding, patching or sodding. Also you won't have to buy pesticides & fertilizers or spend time mowing and trimming. However, to protect the upfront financial investment you've made by installing artificial grass, you do need to take a few simple steps.

Grooming your artificial grass will help extend its life well past the warranty and keep it looking as natural as possible. Here are some tips to help you.



## Equipment

This is some equipment you might want, to take of your lawn.

- A leaf blower to blow away loose debris
- A plastic leaf rake
- A stiff push broom or power broom

## How Often Do I need to Clean my Lawn?

Cleaning can be done as often as you like. There will be times when you'll need to do it more often, like when it's windy. Debris can accumulate on your turf and make it look unappealing. Just use a leaf blower or a shop vac to clear the debris. If you have pets or kids you may have to clean the turf when accidents occurs. Using a mild cleaner or in the case of cleaning up a urine spill you can use a mild disinfectant with water or just hose away with water.

## Rake or Brush Regularly

Natural grass blades stand upright and that's exactly how artificial grass blades should look too. Keep in mind that even the toughest synthetic grass blades will bend over time and the only way to keep your lawn looking natural is to brush it regularly.

Use the push brush, rake or power rake to keep blades aligned and upright. Refrain from using a brush with metal bristles as doing so can damage the grass. Remember to brush with just enough force; applying less pressure won't make a difference to the grass blades and applying too much pressure can make the lawn appear uneven. If you have artificial grass installed over a huge area, brushing regularly may not be possible. In such a case, just use your plastic leaf rake to go over the area and try to bring up the grass bristles as much as possible.

**FG Lawns has power broom service. For \$170.00 + GST we will come out and brush up your lawn. Extra charges may apply for lawns over 1000 sq.ft.**

## Rinse Frequently

Artificial grass can be rinsed with water as needed to remove debris and other waste. You can also use a mild detergent on especially dirty spots and then hose down the turf with water.

Heavier stains like those from sunscreen, grease, and oils can be removed by using mineral spirits.

### **Eliminate Unwanted Smells**

Bad odours won't affect your turf in any way, but you obviously want to minimize the smell. If pet urine or excrement is making the turf smell, clean the area with an enzyme cleaner. You can also hose down the area with a mixture of water and a household deodorizer like vinegar or lemon scented pines. A infill like Pure Zeo can be applied as well. Pure Zeo deodorizes on an ongoing basis by breaking down urine faster. A easy to use spray version of Pure Zeo is also available at FG Lawns.

### **Don't Worry about the Heat**

If the harsh sun beating down on your turf worries you, you need to know that the quality and look of your artificial grass won't be affected by the heat. If you can't help but worry, hose down the area with water to cool off the turf. Again, doing so isn't necessary unless you're planning to take a walk or play on the turf barefoot!

### **Conclusion**

Installing artificial grass can be expensive, especially if you're getting a large area covered. Nevertheless, a synthetic lawn is a practical investment as it can help you save time and money in the long run.

An artificial lawn doesn't need the high degree of care and maintenance that natural grass requires. But since you're putting in the financial investment on getting an artificial lawn, caring for it is prudent.

With the tips given here, you now know how you can care for your synthetic lawn. Do the right things and your turf is sure to look amazing for many years to come!

If you have any other questions about the care of your artificial lawn, please don't hesitate to call us.

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