



Maintenance Guide - Artificial Grass

One of the many benefits of Artificial Grass is that they require low maintenance and upkeep in comparison to natural grass which needs mowing, edging, and de-weeding regularly. However to keep your Artificial Grass looking its best there are still a few things you should do to look after it.

General Cleaning

There are a few quick and simple steps that you can do to ensure your artificial grass stays looking brand new!

- Remove stray leaves and garden debris with either a plastic artificial grass rake or leaf blower to keep your grass looking tidy.
- Keep any surrounding bushes or trees trimmed to prevent falling debris.
- Apply weed-killer to your grass at least twice a year to prevent any wildflowers or weeds from growing through the membrane.
- Ensure you clean up after your pets regularly and use our fantastic [Grass Cleaner Spray](#) to help get rid of any traces of urine.
- Mop up any serious spills straight away with a towel or cloth, followed by lightly scrubbing the affected area with a mild cleaning product and warm water to prevent any stains from setting in. Use a synthetic brush or cloth on affected areas and rinse any remaining cleaning product away with cold water.

Brushing Your Artificial Grass

To maintain the realistic appearance of your artificial grass, Grass Direct would recommend brushing your grass regularly against the grain to keep its bouncy and full texture. It is important to be gentle when brushing your grass to ensure you don't misshape the turf, the best brush for the job is a medium, soft bristle brush.

How to Keep Weeds Away

It is important to ensure your garden has been properly excavated thoroughly and that your sub-base is not contaminated to prevent the growth of weeds and wildflowers in the drainage holes. If you see any weeds that have sprouted in your artificial grass pick it and then treat your grass with a weed killer. Brushing and raking your grass will help prevent any seeds from growing in the membrane.

Why not try our fantastic [Weed Suppressant Membrane](#) which prevents the growth of weeds whilst still being semi-permeable, allowing water and nutrients to penetrate the soil.

Seasonal Maintenance

During the summer months you will generally spend more time out in your garden and therefore high traffic areas of your artificial grass should be maintained carefully. To keep your grass cool in the hot weather you can simply hose it down or use a sprinkler system, you could also add a sand infill that will dissipate the heat whilst also weighing the grass down to protect the individual fibers.

In winter your grass will be protected from frost, however heavy snowfall should not be allowed to melt naturally and should be removed where necessary. Take care when removing compressed snow and ice as this could cause damage to the grass by thinning the grass blades.

Important Tips

- Avoid using BBQs and other heat sources directly on the lawn directly on your artificial grass as they can melt the grass with the intense heat that is generated and also cause a fire risk. BBQs should be placed on patios as a precaution.
- Don't use sharp objects on your artificial grass as this could damage the underlay and the fibers. Avoid wearing stiletto heels, rugby or football studded boots on your grass and smashed glass should be removed as straight away.
- Don't use any motor vehicles on your artificial grass as this could damage the grass fibres, wheelbarrows, wheelchairs, and bicycles however won't cause any issues to your artificial grass.