



## *How to love your artificial lawn*

*So that you can really use and enjoy your artificial lawn, you will need to carry out a few simple maintenance tasks on a regular basis, ensuring characteristics of the artificial lawn remain throughout its lifetime.*

*Maintaining the surface little and often is the secret to a great looking artificial lawn, rather than neglecting maintenance procedures for months and then facing large expenses to restore the surface to its optimum condition.*

### **Groom and brush for future happiness together.**

It will take between 6-8 weeks for your artificial lawn to reach its optimum condition. During this 'bedding in' period the infill material that the installer applied and evenly distributed will fully penetrate and settle into the turf structure. Simple, light brushing on a regular basis during this settlement period will help the surface to reach its optimum condition. Please avoid any heavy brushing at this time. It's too early for that. Some artificial lawn products do not require infill, but it is still important to brush on a regular basis. This ensures the pile remains upright. We recommend using a medium soft bristle brush for the life of the installation. Some infill may appear on the surface from time to time, but this only requires light brushing to return it into the turf structure.

Brushing should take place every month as a minimum and should be adjusted to suit the usage of your lawn and needs to be undertaken against the pile direction. It is important that the turf pile is maintained vertically to avoid compaction. The soft fibres should feel lush and bouncy. It's a simple, light job that really is worth doing.

Most stains can be removed quickly using hot tap water containing a solution of household detergent such as washing-up liquid. Heavy oil marks can easily be removed using mineral spirits and a cloth.

### **Get out and collect up the leaves.**

All debris should be removed from the surface by hand and brushing. It is important to prevent organic matter building up in the turf structure. Letting it accumulate will affect drainage and also encourage weed growth. We don't want that!

### **Remember to still kill those weeds.**

Moss and weed killing should take place 3 to 4 times a year, ensuring that there is no accumulate vegetation on the surface. The moss and weed killer agent you use must be a water-based one. We stock weed killer and moss killer at our showroom. Please also ensure that when the moss and weeds have died off, all dead matter, including roots, are removed or in the case of moss swept out of the turf structure. In Summer we would recommend to get out and maintain your lawn once a month.

### **Someone has to clean up after your pets.**

Animal mess should be removed straight away (manually!) and the area washed down with the use of hot tap water, containing a solution of artificial grass cleaner or pet disinfectant. Household detergent such as washing-up liquid can be used as a temporary measure. Sorry, but this is a job that still needs doing. If your pet regularly urinates on your lawn you should hose the area down especially if they use the same spot each time. To prevent a build-up of pet hair in the pile of your grass, we recommend power brushing your lawn on a regular basis.

### **Artificial Lawns care products.**

We stock all the necessary products to keep you lawn in tip top conditions: Artificial grass cleaner, grass fragrance, weed killer and moss killer. We can also supply you with an electric power brush for that regular deep brush, especially important for dog owners. If you prefer, we can quote you for a maintenance regime to meet your requirements which includes a deep clean and treatment of any weeds or moss.

### **Never, ever, ever...**

The following should not be allowed on the surface of your artificial lawn. By doing so you will affect the product warranty:

- No glass or other sharp objects. These can cause injury to others if left on the lawn and also damage the surface.
- No smoking, bonfires or fireworks. Extremely hot items will obviously melt the pile surface and permanently damage the lawn.
- No chewing gum or adhesives.
- Never place hot machinery on your artificial lawn such as hedge trimmers.