

Synthetic Turf MAINTENANCE GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your new Evermore Synthetic Turf! Although you're off the hook for mowing now, there are a few maintenance procedures that will extend the life of your synthetic lawn and keep it looking great for years to come.

To preserve your turf –

- Keep it clean
- Brush it periodically

CLEANING

Washing your lawn routinely is the best way to keep it looking good. Although rainfall will help keep your lawn clean, it will still accumulate dirt, pollen and dust over time. If you have pets, consider purchasing an after-market cleaner with a neutral PH to assist with cleaning specific bacteria.

Synthetic turf is generally resistant to staining, but in the event of a spill or stain, clean it up as soon as possible. It's much easier to clean a fresh spill than one that has dried. You can use a spatula or table knife to remove any solid or paste-like deposits. For liquid spills, use a clean cloth, paper towels or a dry absorbent, which can be swept or vacuumed up afterwards.

For cleaning waterborne stains, we recommend using a mild solution of warm water mixed with granular household detergent, or a low sudsing detergent designed for fine fabrics. Mix one teaspoon of product per 500mL of water. This cleanser is suitable for –

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| ❖ Cola | ❖ Milk | ❖ Mustard | ❖ Dye |
| ❖ Alcohol | ❖ Ice cream | ❖ Butter | ❖ Glue |
| ❖ Tea & Coffee | ❖ Ketchup | ❖ Water colours | ❖ Blood |
| ❖ Fruit & vegetable juice | ❖ Cocoa | ❖ Latex paint | ❖ Urine |

For more stubborn stains, mix a 3% solution of household ammonia in water.

Rinse the turf thoroughly afterwards to remove any traces of ammonia or detergent and blot up any excessive liquid.

DO NOT USE: highly acidic cleaners with a PH below 5, caustic cleaners with a PH above 9, or chlorine bleaches.

BRUSHING

Keep your lawn surface in good condition with regular brushing. This will redistribute infill evenly, allowing for good drainage and proper footing.

Cross brushing will also restore the appearance of your turf if it has been flattened or if some areas have heavier traffic than others. To cross brush your lawn, all brush strokes should go against the grain of the fibres, which will make your lawn appear fuller and fluffier. Make sure you use a brush with synthetic bristles.

DO NOT USE a brush with metal or wire bristles as this will alter your turf.

PROTECT

Your synthetic lawn is constructed of durable fibres, but NFD recommends the following precautions to protect and preserve the life of your turf –

- ❖ **Synthetic turf surfaces can occasionally be subjected to melt when exposed to highly reflective surfaces. These conditions are highly variable, making them difficult to predict. While NFD cannot warrant these claims as such, we are able to advise and troubleshoot solutions.** (eg. Window tinting)
- ❖ **Melting can also sometimes be caused by landscape crews when they set equipment down on synthetic turf. Most commonly, this happens with tree trimming and leaf blowing. Please discuss this ahead of time with your contractor.**
- ❖ Keep cigarettes, flames and fireworks away from your turf. Although the turf cannot catch alight, the tips of the fibres can fuse together if exposed to high heat.
- ❖ Furniture and equipment with sharp or jagged edges should not be placed on turf as this may puncture or tear the turf.
- ❖ **Ensure recommended infill levels are maintained.**
- ❖ Synthetic turf surfaces are built to withstand foot traffic based on pre-installation discussions. If there is a need to drive, keep equipment on, or use a crane across a surface, please use plywood to disperse the weight. Wheels won't often hurt the fibres but will shift the base significantly.