



CARE & MAINTENANCE

A guide to looking after your synthetic grass



Maintaining and cleaning your new synthetic lawn

Undoubtedly, artificial or synthetic grass is much easier to maintain than natural grass and is much cheaper to keep looking beautiful longer.

However, there are a few things you need to remember to keep your new synthetic grass looking clean and lush and to help it last longer.

(1). **Try not to use corrosive chemicals on or around your synthetic grass**

- Corrosive chemicals do just that... Corrode things, break them down and damage them.... Don't let this be what happens to your synthetic grass.
- Harsh cleaners are corrosive chemicals. Do not use them near synthetic grass, especially not on synthetic grass.
- You may be surprised to know that organic matter such as leaves, mulch, dead insects and bugs, and animal excrement all break down and release corrosive chemicals. It is best to remove any organic matter regularly.
- You may wish to use a natural weedkiller, such as vinegar, instead of a chemical weedkiller to kill any weeds that may appear around the edges or through the middle of your synthetic grass. Alternatively, if you wish to use a chemical weedkiller, always read the label carefully to make sure it is safe for synthetic grass.

(2). **Always use the right tools for the right job**

- A rake (preferably plastic, as some metal rakes can be harsh and "pull" on your synthetic grass)
- A garden blower – giving the synthetic grass a quick go-over with a garden blower can remove leaves quickly, saving you time. It is also a great way to "fluff" up your grass to make it look fuller and more upright. Where possible, be careful not to blow too close to the synthetic grass to avoid blowing out the white sand that is helping stabilise and secure your grass.
- A garden hose—It is always a good idea to rinse your synthetic grass off from time to time, especially when there hasn't been a lot of rain. Rinsing the grass will also help remove any organic matter or food or drink that may have been spilt on it. Our Jay Fresh Odour Eliminator easily attaches to your garden hose and is a fantastic way to clean, sanitise, and deodorise your synthetic grass.

(3). **Maintain the look of your synthetic grass**

Your synthetic grass requires very low maintenance; However, it doesn't mean you don't need to maintain it after installation. Here are some tips for maintenance.

- Top up the white sand as required (2-5 kg per square meter). We suggest checking every 6-12 months that there is enough white sand to just cover your black matting. If you notice your grass seems looser than when it was first installed, lifts or makes more sound than normal, this usually indicates it is time to top up your white sand. Some areas may need a more regular top-up than others, and this depends greatly on the environment it is in and its uses.
- Brush against the blade to make it stand up (low-density grasses may flatten more readily).
- Try and keep the edges clean and free of soil where possible as this is where the weeds are more likely to grow.
- Use a garden blower or PLASTIC rake to remove debris from your synthetic grass.
- Rinse your synthetic grass with a garden hose from time to time, especially in hotter months.

(4). **Weed control in synthetic grass**

It is a common urban myth that synthetic grass means no weeds...

Weed seeds travel through the air or are transported around by birds and animals. These seeds are fantastic travellers and do not need much to take hold and germinate.

The presence of weeds in your synthetic grass does NOT indicate bad installation. Weeds are indiscriminate and will flourish in the best and the worst installations if not treated or prevented.

We strongly recommend that a weedkiller be applied every six months to yearly (depending on your methods), particularly to the edges. If you have paving, you may already be doing this. This is preventative, and a Glyphosate product such as RoundUp prevents weeds from making the proteins they need to grow. According to the label, it will not damage your artificial grass.

Alternatively, if you wish to use a nonchemical weedkiller, you could make a mix of 4 parts vinegar with 1 part water in a spray bottle and apply it to your weeds. You could even add dishwashing liquid, apple cider vinegar, or vodka to this mix to make it more potent.