

# Maintenance manual



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# Maintenance of Royal Grass®

So your artificial grass has been installed beautifully. Now it's time to enjoy it. To make sure you can keep on enjoying it, we'll give you a list of maintenance tips. These tips are to ensure your artificial lawn will stay beautiful for an extended period of time.

## **Is maintenance required for artificial grass?**

Yes, even artificial grass needs some maintenance. But don't worry: very little maintenance is required. Perhaps there's a tree in your garden. Every autumn, its leaves will fall. Should you remove these when they fall on the grass? And what if the dog pees on the grass? And how can you get the fibres standing upright again when they've flattened after intensive use? These are just a couple of questions answered in this booklet.

Should you have a question not answered here or is the answer still somewhat unclear, please contact Royal Grass® or your installation company.





## Tip 1

### Remove leaves and twigs from the grass

First of all: leaves on your lawn do not harm your artificial grass at all. The only issue might be leaves piling up and hampering water drainage. Also, leaves and twigs may have seeds. If you leave the leaves and twigs on your grass, those seeds may sprout. Fortunately, weeds can easily be removed so sprouting seeds aren't that big a deal either. But when your lawn is clean, you'll prevent the seeds from sprouting.

#### How to remove leaves and twigs?

That's easy. In the same way you'd remove them from your terrace: with a stiff broom, rake or leaf-blower. You can even clean artificial grass without sand infill, for instance artificial grass on your balcony or terrace, with a vacuum cleaner.



## Tip 2

### Remove weeds

Weeds are less of a problem for artificial grass than they are for natural grass. But occasionally you still might get some weeds. Seeds brought by the



wind, or from leaves or twigs can nest in the lawn and start sprouting. This may occur especially in the crevices between the lawn and the terrace or pavement.

### **How to remove weeds?**

Usually, you can remove the weeds by hand; even with their roots. Crusher dust is spread underneath the artificial grass. This is very loose sand in which the weeds can't root.

If you're not able to remove the weeds by hand or if you've got quite a lot of them, you may want to use a herbicide. Please note that there are many types of herbicide available. Our advice: use a type that is eco-friendly. Then you won't harm the environment or damage the soil life in your garden. When in doubt: ask for advice in the store or call your installation company.

## **Tip 3**

### **Remove moss and algae**

There is a very small chance that moss or algae will grow on your artificial grass. However, we still want to discuss this. These days, moss and algae are still sometimes controlled with bleach. Our advice: don't! Bleach isn't only harmful for the environment, it also damages the colour and quality of our artificial grass.

### **How to remove moss and algae?**

If you're not able to remove them by hand, please use an eco-friendly pesticide. There are plenty of those available. Apply this to the moss, leave it for a day and you'll be able to brush the moss effortlessly clean with a stiff brush. Please read the instructions carefully before use. And if you have any questions: ask your sales representative or call the installation company of your artificial grass.

## **Tip 4**

### **Remove urine and excrements**

What if your pet really needed to go and used your lawn as a public toilet? Is that a problem? No. At least, not for your lawn. That is, when you clean the grass as soon as possible. Excrements that aren't removed can become mouldy and urine can start to smell, especially during the warmer months of the year.

### **How to clean your lawn?**

You can remove excrements the same way you would do in a public space: with a bag or tub. Please don't forget to rinse the grass with some water when you've removed the excrements. Then you can be absolutely certain that the grass is completely clean.

The same applies to urine: thoroughly rinse the

spot with water. Don't worry. The grass won't discolour. To neutralise the odour, you can use a solution of white vinegar and lukewarm water. You can buy an eco-friendly product from any DIY shop.

## Tip 5

### Avoid contact with acids, paint, glue and fire

Artificial grass is a synthetic product. And as you know: when synthetics come in contact with acids, paint, glue or fire, the product will be damaged. This is also the case with artificial grass. It will discolour, shrivel - or when in contact with fire - get scorched.

#### Can this damage be repaired?

Yes. We recommend you to keep some scraps of artificial grass left over from your installation. If your lawn gets damaged, you can use those leftovers to repair your lawn (or have it repaired). You should however keep in mind that this patch will probably always be identifiable as such.

## Tip 6

### Brush your lawn every now and then

You have chosen Royal Grass® artificial grass. A

quality unlike any other when it comes to resilience. This means the fibres (the blades of grass) will stand upright for a longer time than those of any other artificial grass brand. But after a while you'll still notice the fibres aren't as upright anymore and have 'flattened' somewhat. Especially when your lawn is used intensively.

#### How to make your lawn resilient again?

That's easy: just brush the artificial grass every now and then with a stiff broom. It's best to do this with an outside temperature of 15° Celsius minimum and in the opposite direction of the blades of grass. This way you'll awaken the grass, so to speak, and its original vitality will be returned.

How often you need to brush the grass depends on the quality of artificial grass you've chosen and the intensity of use. Decorative artificial grass that's being used as playing grass will need to be brushed more often than grass that was specifically designed as playing grass. Playing grass is more resilient and will recover a lot quicker.

Of course, there's only so much brushing you can do. Depending on the quality of grass and how intensively it is being used, the effect will decline over time.





## Tip 7

### Check your artificial grass regularly

In order to keep your artificial grass looking beautiful, it needs some attention. You've read all about it in this leaflet. In addition to the tips we've already given, we have one more tip: check your artificial grass regularly:

- Do you have artificial grass with sand or granulate infill? Verify there is enough sand on the grass.
- Are the fibres still standing upright the way they should?
- Does the grass still have its beautiful, uniform appearance?
- Are there any patches that have been damaged or discoloured for whatever reason?
- Is there any mud or bird droppings on the artificial grass? Remove them and rinse the grass with water.

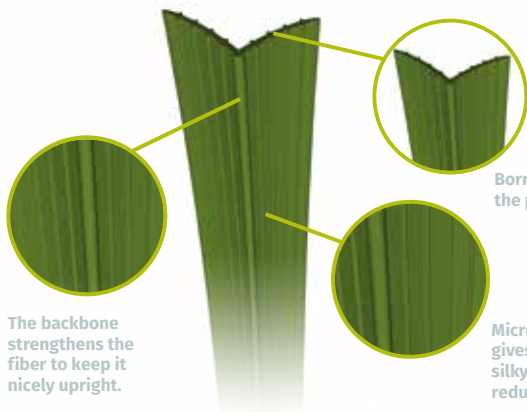


If you have any doubts or questions you don't know the answer to: don't hesitate to call Royal Grass® or your installation company.



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