



*By following these care and maintenance guidelines, you can help protect your investment and extend the useful life of your EcoLawn. The following procedures are key in helping to preserving your turf.*

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## PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

- Do not place hot gardening tools on your EcoLawn, the motors get very hot and can melt the grass. Make sure to let your landscaper know this as well.
- Clear inflatables (pool toys, inflatable furniture) may act as a magnifier in the sun which can melt the grass.
- Do not place a barbeque above or within five feet of the turf.
- Cigarettes, fireworks, and open flames should be kept away from the turf.
- Overspray from nearby sprinkler systems can leave mineral deposits on turf that may cause discoloration. These can be cleaned with CLR.

## KEEP IT CLEAN

**Clear debris:** Use a rake or leaf blower to clear off fallen leaves, branches, and other rotting debris that may land on top of the synthetic grass. This will help the grass maintain a clean and groomed look.

**Dust, dirt & pollen:** Rainfall is the best cleaner. When rainfall is scarce, an occasional water flush and gentle spray once a month is beneficial to cleanse the turf and flush out dust, dirt or pollen, and to keep the deodorizer working optimally. The nylon backing on the grass is perforated, allowing water to rinse through the blades of grass.

**Spills:** Our artificial grass is made from polyethylene and will not absorb stains, although it is recommended to wipe or rinse spills with water. For those tougher spills, using a mild soap with lukewarm water or use equal parts vinegar and water to scrub it out.

**Weeds:** Occasionally weeds pop up along the border of the grass. We recommend pulling them, or spraying them with vinegar or Round Up.

**Chewing gum:** In addition to dry cleaning fluid, chewing gum can be removed by freezing. Aerosol packs of refrigerant are available from most carpet cleaning suppliers for this purpose, or dry ice can be used. After freezing, scrape with a knife.

**Fungus or mold spots:** A one percent solution of hydrogen peroxide in water can be sponged on to the affected area. Flush thoroughly with clean water after application.



## PET USE

- If you start to notice your grass is smelling like urine, we recommend spraying down the lawn with a hose periodically, and using dish soap and a broom to scrub and wash the grass in heavy pet use areas. This will help any odors from accumulating.
- We suggest adding a layer of infill every 1-2 years depending on level of use.
- Pick up solid waste as you would on real grass, and neutralize any leftover residue with mixture of white distilled vinegar in an equal amount of water. Flush thoroughly with water after application.
- For extra stinky situations, PE-51 solution is an enzyme cleaner and has worked well for homeowners.
- Ask about our pet lawn servicing and go-to cleaning products.

## PERIODIC BRUSHING & SWEEPING

There is a normal shedding period of 4 – 8 weeks after installation. Matting of fibers may occur in areas of high foot traffic, especially if fibers have become soiled.

Periodic brushing of the turf can help restore the aesthetic appearance. Use a soft bristle broom or a brush to collect sheds, or a thick bristle broom for fluffing grass. Brush against the natural grain to help each blade stand up.

We recommend having your lawn professionally brushed with a power brush every 1 to 2 years, depending on foot traffic and pet use. EcoLawn also provides maintenance programs and one-time upkeep services to preserve and protect your grass.

## EXTREME HEAT CONDITIONS

In hot weather, synthetic grass can hold heat and feel hot to the touch. We recommend adding shade to the grass and periodically spraying the area with water during use.