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# Artificial Grass

CARE AND MAINTENANCE



**Belgotex®**

# REGULAR MAINTENANCE

**Whilst Artificial Grass is regarded as low maintenance, the following information will set out how to ensure your artificial grass remains in pristine condition.**

Correct and regular maintenance will increase the lifespan and enhance the appearance of your artificial grass. There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to how often you need to clean your artificial grass as this is very dependent on the area or environment the artificial grass is installed in.

## GENERAL

Leaves, rough dirt and other dry debris can be removed with a rubber rake or leaf blower as and when required. Regular brushing of the product with a firm bristle broom will not only get rid of dirt that may have settled on the product but will lift the individual fibres that may have compressed through regular traffic.

## SPILLS

Most day-to-day spills onto your artificial grass product can be cleaned up using water and a mild household detergent such as dishwashing liquid. It is recommended that the spills be cleaned as soon as possible as allowing some liquids to dry first may prove to be more difficult to remove.

## PETS

When it comes to pets, we recommend the following:

- Daily removal of any solid faeces from the surface of the artificial grass.
- Regular rinsing of the product with water where your pets are active.
- The use of an enzyme-based cleaner that will break down the build up of uric crystals that may accumulate on the artificial grass as well as under the product.

- The drainage holes in the artificial grass will allow for the liquid to drain into the base however the odour causing uric crystals remain behind and will need to be broken down to avoid any unpleasant odour.

## SWIMMING POOLS

Around swimming pools, care needs to be taken not to spill chemicals associated with pool maintenance onto your artificial grass. These chlorine and acid-based products will damage the fibres.

## INFILL PRODUCTS

Excessive wear and tear, high traffic areas or occasional heavy rainfall can cause the silica sand infill to shift. The sand should be brushed back into place using a firm bristle broom or power brush and if necessary, the silica sand infill topped up to ensure the levels comply with the original installation.

## REPAIRS

When it comes to repairs to your artificial grass we suggest contacting your local Belgotex retailer or Business Development Manager. Please bear in mind that the old saying of "...a stitch in time saves nine" applies to repairs so please don't leave a repair, as over time it will get worse.

## WEEDS

Whilst Belgotex recommends the use of a weed barrier during installation, unwanted plants can grow on the edges of the installation. Should a weed killer be applied to the unwanted plants we suggest care is taken to avoid unnecessary amounts of the weed killer being sprayed onto the artificial grass and the plants removed carefully so as not to damage the product or sub-base.



## DO NOT!

### We do have a few “Don’ts” when it comes to Artificial Grass:

- **Don’t ever use a steel bristle brush** to brush the product, this will damage the fibres.
- **Don’t allow any activities that may burn the artificial grass.** Fires, BBQ charcoal, briquettes, hot ash, fireworks or any other type of extreme heat will burn the artificial grass causing permanent damage and should not take place on or close to your artificial grass.
- **Don’t use any solvents** on a artificial grass installation. Harsh chemical spills will also damage the product.
- **Don’t park vehicles or place other heavy objects** on the grass as this will compact the fibres and damage the grass.
- **Don’t use any form of cutting tools** such as “weed- eaters” or edge trimmers near the edge of the product as the damage caused by these tools will be permanent.

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