

SPEEDTURF58

MAINTENANCE

By following these care and maintenance guidelines, you can help protect your investment and extend the useful life of your artificial turf.

- Keep it clean
- Vacuum periodically
- Do not abuse

Stains and other blemishes

The first rule is promptness. It is always easier to clean up a fresh spill than one that has dried and hardened. Remove any solid or paste-like deposit with a spatula or table knife. Blot up excess liquids with paper towels, or a clean cloth. Synthetic fibers have good resistance to staining. However, it is important to realize they are only one part of a sophisticated system of various components designed for overall performance. Some cleaning agents safe for the face fibers can be harmful to other components of the turf system. Therefore, cleaning agents are grouped into two sets, one of which can be used in liberal amounts directly on the turf surface, and the second of which should only be applied by rubbing a cloth soaked in the cleaner in order to minimize penetration of possible harmful agents below the turf surface. In the first group of cleaners which generally can be applied without any special precautions are the following:

- “Simple Green”, a bio-friendly cleaner. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions.
- A warm, mild solution of granular household detergent or any low suds detergent for fine fabrics. Use approximately one (1) teaspoon to one (1) pint of water. This will handle most waterborne stains including: Coffee, Ketchup, Tea, Butter, Fruit Juices, Alcohol, Vegetable Juices, Cola, Milk, Water Colors, Cocoa, Latex Paint, Ice Cream, Blood, Mustard, Urine, Glue, and Dye.
- Do not use cleaners that contain chlorine bleaches or caustic cleaners (ph above 9) or highly acidic cleaners (ph below 5).
- Rinse area thoroughly with clean cold water to remove any traces of soap or cleaner.
- Blot up excessive liquid.

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.

Matting of fibers may occur in areas of high foot traffic, especially if fibers have become soiled with dirt. Periodic “cross brushing” of the turf can help restore the aesthetic appearance of the turf. “Cross brushing” means to sweep against the turf, the fibers are fluffed up. Although your turf is made of tough, durable fibers, certain precautions should be taken to prevent damage to the synthetic grass. Make sure turf is not exposed to reflexed sunlight from windows as this may fuse turf fibers.

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