

MAINTAINING YOUR ARTIFICIAL GRASS/TURF

Removing Pet Waste

Having pets doesn't mean you must constantly clean and rinse your artificial grass — cleanup of pet waste is quite simple. Simply:

- Allow solid waste to dry before you remove it.
- Artificial grass will drain most liquid. So, if desired, to avoid a stench, douse the turf in cool water from a hose on urine spots periodically.

Most stains that fall upon artificial grass are removable — still, it's better to avoid stains and damage to artificial turf in the first place. For example, in addition to keeping liquids that could potentially stain the grass far away or secured, keep cigarettes and fireworks off artificial turf, and do not use strong chemicals near the grass, either.

Clean, Rinse, Brush, Repeat

Artificial turf generally lasts anywhere between 15 to 25 years, depending on its use. Following a routine of clearing the grass of debris, rinsing regularly, and cross brushing will help artificial turf achieve a long, useful lifespan.

There are essentially four main steps to taking care of your artificial grass on a regular basis. Remove debris from the grass. This is especially important after high winds or thunderstorms. Removing leaves, branches, and other debris will protect your grass from damage.

- Rinse the turf regularly. Use a hose with cool, clean water to remove dust and pollen. If it rains often, you won't have to rinse the grass with a hose nearly as much.
- Brush the grass against the grain in high-traffic areas. Cross brushing against the grain will help the grass to avoid becoming matted and keep it looking strong and fresh.
- Aguiar Pavers offers a power broom & infill maintenance service that can remove debris and replace the infill. Homeowners should

Weeds on Turf

Seeds blow in or are dropped by birds or other animals. With a bit of water (from rain or a leak) and little sun these seeds start to grow, and you will see seedlings in the spring. Treat the issue right away, for best results.

- Using a garden pressure sprayer, mix & spray white or apple cider vinegar and water. (no more than 50/50) directly on the seedlings.
- Any plant sprouts should be picked out (roots and all).
- Along with keeping organic debris off the turf, periodically treating the turf with the vinegar/water can prevent future seed growth.