



A Guide to Maintenance & Aftercare of **Artificial Grass**



Maintenance & Aftercare

Light maintenance is all that is required once Luxigraze is installed. No more wasting time with the lawn mower or strimmer, your artificial grass will always look freshly cut.



Clearing Debris

In order to maintain your Luxigraze artificial grass, it is recommended that on a regular basis you remove any debris such as leaves, twigs or airborne seeds, using a stiff brush or leaf blower. If left over a long period, it could encourage weeds or moss to grow, and cause drainage issues. Additionally, trim back hedges and over hanging trees regularly, to limit the amount of leaves falling onto the lawn.

Weeds

It is advised a weed membrane is laid underneath the artificial grass, which should act as a barrier and prevent weeds growing up through the surface. However, this cannot stop weeds growing on the top of the artificial grass. Weeds love moisture and any plant debris that may fall on the lawn can provide a nice bed to grow in. It is suggested to sweep the artificial grass often to get rid of excess leaves and debris and to prevent airborne seeds germinating and weeds forming in the artificial grass surface. If any weeds do appear remove them immediately, to prevent seed dispersal.

Lifting the Pile

It is advised to regularly brush your grass, with either a power brush or a stiff broom, to keep the pile upright, restoring its natural beauty. As an artificial lawn is used it may experience some flattening of the fibres in areas of high foot traffic. Typically, a warm sunny day will help rejuvenate the pile, but a quick brush will also help.

Heavy Objects

Garden furniture and other heavy objects, such as a trampoline, can be used on the artificial grass but it is recommended to regularly move the position of the furniture to allow the grass pile below to recover. Avoid parking cars or other vehicles as this could cause compaction of the artificial grass.

Pets

Artificial grass is permeable, as well as safe, so all dog mess can be cleaned and picked up easily. The artificial grass fibres will not discolour and will remain completely undamaged. Rain will help clean your artificial grass. Luxigraze cleaning products are the perfect solution to keep the area sterile and quickly remove pet urine smells from your artificial grass permanently. Luxigraze Cleaner is safe for pets and children to walk on as soon as the surface it is completely dry.

Cleaning

Luxigraze Artificial Grasses are made with polyethylene and/or polypropylene which are forms of plastic. Stubborn marks will not therefore filtrate into the fibre but can be wiped clean with the use of Luxigraze Cleaner or hot water and household detergent (washing up liquid). Try to remove any spills when it is a fresh spill, rather than when it has had time to harden. We do not recommend any contact with bleach.

Preventing Damage

It is important to protect artificial grass if you are painting in the immediate area of the grass. Place a protective sheet over the area, as not all paints will be washable.

Although artificial grass is highly resilient, care should be taken with sharp objects which may damage the surface, as well as serious injury to others.

The use of unsuitable footwear, such as football/ rugby boots, stilettos or any footwear that is not flat could damage the artificial grass

Please be aware that shiny surfaces such as mirrors, mirrored walls, windows and other reflective surfaces, which are in full sun for the majority of the day can reflect the sun's rays and magnify onto the grass causing it to burn. Therefore, careful consideration is required to prevent this (see 'Artificial Grass Melting' in Common Issues).

BBQs, fire-pits and hedge cutters (laid onto the surface) can melt the surface and are not recommended to be used where artificial grass is laid. This will cause the grass fibres to melt. Lighted cigarettes cannot ignite the artificial grass, but they can damage it by fusing the tips of the fibres together.



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