

### NoMow Turf ™ MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

#### Periodic Brushing

The frequency for suggested brushing is directly related to the amount of foot traffic you have in your turf area. Matting of fibers may occur in areas of high foot traffic, especially if fibers have become soiled with dirt and other airborne pollutants.

Periodic "cross brushing" of the turf can help restore the aesthetic appearance of the turf. "Cross brushing" means all brushing activity takes place against the grain, nap, or sweep of the turf fibers. By brushing against the turf, the fibers are "fluffed up". A brush with synthetic bristles should be used. Never use a brush with metal or wire bristles as these will change the turf fibers.

Take note to heavier trafficked areas for matting of fibers that might appear different than other areas that do not see heavy traffic. Brushing these areas is highly recommended as it will ensure the full life of your NoMow Turf lawn. Brushing cannot hurt the turf, so brush as often as needed, again keeping in mind that the more traffic, the more frequent the brushing.

High traffic areas might include but are not limited to:

Commercial Applications
Multiple dogs
Heavy play activity by children
Paths in the yard that are traveled often

Although your NoMow Turf lawn is made of tough, durable fibers, certain precautions should be taken to prevent damage to the turf.

Lighted cigarettes cannot ignite the turf, but they can damage the turf by fusing the tips of the fibers together. Cigarettes, fireworks, and open flames should be kept away from the turf. Furniture and equipment with sharp or jagged edges should not be placed on turf as this may puncture or tear the turf.

Never leave a parked vehicle idling on the turf.

Cap off or remove nearby sprinkler heads. Water from sprinkler systems can leave mineral deposits on turf that may cause discoloration.

Make sure turf is not exposed to reflected sunlight windows as this may fuse the turf fibers together.

# Dust, pollen, and airborne pollutants

Rainfall is the best cleanser. In areas where rainfall is scarce, an occasional water flush is beneficial to cleanse the turf. For care and maintenance of lightly soiled areas, it may be necessary to sponge mop with a five (5) percent solution of low sudsing household detergent in hot water followed by a thorough rinsing with hot water. For heavily soiled areas, repeat procedure for lightly soiled areas follow with sponge mopping using a three (3) percent solution of household ammonia in hot water followed by a thorough rinsing with hot water.





#### 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, a clean cloth, or a dry absorbent, such as kitty litter or fuller's earth. Dry absorbents can then be swept or vacuumed up afterwards.

#### Animal waste

Although all NoMow Turf products are pet friendly, there is additional maintenance necessary to keep odors to a minimum. Allow waste to dry and then dispose. If rainfall is not frequent in your region, hose down the pet area regularly to promote the drainage of urine and keep the surface clean. Consider use of products such as Simple Green or Nature's Miracle that are pet safe. Depending on the amount of usage and number of dogs, enzyme neutralizers may also be helpful to control odors. Neutralize with mixture of white distilled vinegar in an equal amount of water. Flush thoroughly with water after application.

### Chewing gum or Tree Sap

In addition to dry cleaning fluid, chewing gum and tree sap 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 (1) percent solution of hydrogen peroxide in water can be sponged on to the affected area. Flush thoroughly with clean water after application.

## Weeds

As in all organic matter, the soil beneath your artificial turf lawn system may contain a variety of seed deposits and these can, at times, sprout into weeds that occasionally penetrate the base section and weed barrier, becoming visible above ground. In addition, wind events can spread seedlings that land on your turf lawn and propagate from the top down. A good remedy for any visible weeds is Round-Up. Applying Round-Up liberally on the weeds helps to mitigate future growth and keep your lawn looking great. Round-Up will not discolor the fibers and is safe to use.

The proper care and maintenance program can enhance the aging, usefulness, and aesthetics of your NoMow Turf lawn.

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