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## Easy Care Tips

# Easy Care Tips for Artificial Grass Lawns & General Landscapes

Artificial grass styles have blossomed into incredibly natural looking lawn options! Without the need for water or typical lawn care - your new lawn will stand the test of time with very little help from you! Simply keep it free of yard and pet debris, check the surfaces for matting or wear and brush them back up and keep an eye on edges where it meets trim, block, walls and stones, for weed growth.

Artificial grass, when used for your pets, is a super product for dog and other pet areas - IF - you keep up on the maintenance to keep it free from debris & urine odors; just like any other surface in your yard! If needed, check our Grooming Tips for Pet Areas.

## Put Together a Grooming Kit

- Sturdy Shag Carpet Rake or Stiff Nylon Shop Broom
- Leaf Rake (Avoid metal tines)
- Leaf Blower (take care with hot gas powered units)
- Garden Gloves & Eye Protection
- To sanitize; use Apple Cider Vinegar or most residential home cleaning solutions
- To deodorize: apply OdorMute ® generously



Sturdy Shag Carpet Rake

LEAF RAKE  
(avoid metal tines)



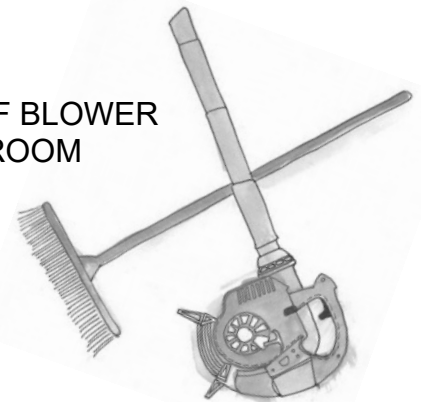
GARDEN GLOVES



## How to Groom Your Lawn Area

- TO KEEP BLADES BRUSHED UP - use a sturdy shag carpet rake, for larger areas, power broom it
- LEAVES & YARD CARE - use a leaf rake (avoid metal)
- For quick results - use a leaf blower and the shag shag carpet rake, to reach deep into the pile and blow and then bag yard waste, for pickup
- To deodorize - use OdorMute ®, in liquid form - apply full strength - For sanitation - use 50/50 Water and VINEGAR SOLUTION where and as needed.
- WEEDS - Seeds can drop onto the surfaces and germinate, especially in wet climates where native grasses and weeds easily grow. To remove "weeds" - simply pick the plant out of the surfaces. Applying apple cider vinegar, full strength, in the late fall and early spring will deter growth (See our Weed Control Guide)

LEAF BLOWER & BROOM



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# Artificial Grass Easy Care Tips for Pet Lawns

Artificial grass is SAFE, DURABLE and EFFECTIVE as a lawn and dog kennel surface and it has many incredible uses; outdoors and in!

ANY ARTIFICIAL GRASS STYLE CAN BE USED - what is key would be to only use polyethylene yarns, porous backings, granulated infill, permeable building standards and a top quality installation company.

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**Here's How!**

## Put Together a Grooming Kit

- SCOOPER of some type - the best idea is to get one with a solid head and flat, open pan (as shown)
- GARDEN SPRAYER to apply liquids onto the surfaces of the artificial grass, rock, mulch, pavers
- ENZYME CLEANER - for deodorizing - we recommend OdorMute® (crystals) or any other
- Use 50/50 Water and VINEGAR SOLUTION used for sanitizing your surfaces, where and as needed.



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## How to Groom Your Pet Lawn Area

1. Keep the area free of debris and treat for odors, from the start - don't "wait" to treat for odors or allow debris to decompose
2. Clear and then deodorize by applying enzyme liquid to turf; approximately 1 gallon per 500 square feet; do not rinse. Then simply walk away! Spot treat or apply to entire area.
3. With one or two pets, you may want to treat for odor, monthly - with more, use as often as desired. Safe for your pets & you!

Use a "shag carpet" rake or stiff nylon bristle broom to brush up areas where heavy traffic may have caused matting.



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# General Weed Control Tips & Recipe

Weeds appearing around artificial grass, patios, in gardens in soil or mulch, between rocks, pavers, concrete & asphalt can be easily controlled with safe & effective **natural** solutions.

Safer than applying chemical sprays, the following recipe is a common solution used by organic gardeners & farmers as a pre and post emergent.

Apply in fall and spring, or as needed. Germinated growth may take from 4 to 48 hours to die. Saturate the growth locations to allow liquid to seep deeply into the materials. Once treated, new growth can be removed by hand, by rake or leaf blower. For best results, use treatment as a pre-emergent and treat volunteer all growth before it goes to seed.



**TIP** - Remove dead growth on surfaces or at edges by hand or use your grooming rake by deeply agitating the turf to loosen dead materials and then use a blower to collect for removal.

## Tools

1+ gallon pump-up garden sprayer

## Turf Recipe (1 Gal x approx 500 SF)

**1 gallon of 5% apple cider vinegar (ACV, full strength)**

- Add the ACV into the pressure sprayer
- Set wand application spray to wide
- Rinse the wand and sprayer before storing

## FOR ROCKS, BARK, PAVERS, HARD SCAPE AREAS\*

- ADD (to one gallon) 1/8<sup>th</sup> cup of dish soap

*Optional Enhancement for stubborn weeds, moss:*

- ADD 2 Cups of EPSON Salts to ACV liquid (mixed well)

**\* PLEASE NOTE:** Though great for other landscape surface materials - we do NOT recommend adding dish soap or Epsom Salts to ACV and applying to the artificial grass surfaces as that mixture will coat the blades and will leave a white or soapy residue on the turf blades that you will then need to rinse off.

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Grooming Rake**



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