

**SOCCERGROUND<sup>®</sup>**

## Care Instructions

Artificial Turf (infilled)



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Correct, regular care has a major impact on the lifespan of your artificial turf. It helps the turf keep its water permeability, and therefore its optimal appearance and the best possible playing comfort, even after many years.

You can do most of the care yourself. Depending on the site and how much the pitch is used, you can also have it deep-cleaned by professionals. For example, if a lot of leaves fall onto the pitch because there are trees right next to it, and the court is used very often, regular deep cleaning is recommended.

### Weekly

- Remove leaves, pine needles and litter from the pitch  
Rotting leaves and litter impair the turf's water permeability, evenness and appearance, and encourage moss growth.

To remove them, we recommend a plastic leaf rake like the one shown here, which can also be turned over and used as a shovel. (On sand-filled artificial turf, but not on cork, a leaf blower can also be used, keeping the air flow as flat as possible so the infill isn't blown out. If this happens, top up the sand immediately.)



Small debris such as pine needles can be removed with a rotating brush roller with a vibrating sieve, or collected by hand.

- Check that the infill is even and restore it  
Sometimes granules and sand collect in certain areas of the pitch (e.g. in the corners). They should be spread out evenly again to protect the turf fibers from damage and ensure optimal ball roll.

A so-called "drag mat" makes this job easier, but an ordinary street broom will also do.

Important: remove leaves, litter and other debris first.

Always drag towards the areas with too little infill, but from different directions, otherwise the ball will roll unnaturally.

If there is too little infill anywhere, top it up.

If the surface has already become compact and hard, i.e. the granules and sand are stuck together and no longer loose, the pitch should be deep-cleaned by a specialist company.

- Check lines and seams  
If any seams or lines have come loose and holes have formed, please contact us at [info@soccerground.de](mailto:info@soccerground.de).
- Prevent and remove moss and weeds  
Regular care (see above) prevents moss. Please remove small growths by hand. For larger infestations, please contact a specialist company.

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## Regularly

- Deep cleaning by a specialist company (approx. every 2 years, depending on how heavily the pitch is used and whether there are a lot of leaves and/or pollen, e.g. from nearby trees).

## Special cases

- Snow and ice

Snow and ice do not harm artificial turf.

To clear snow, we recommend a wooden or metal pusher with a rubber lip.

The pitch can be used straight away afterwards.

However, if the turf fibers are frozen, the pitch should be closed.

IMPORTANT: Never use road salt or chemical de-icing agents!

- Stains in the artificial turf

Most stains can be washed out with dish soap and warm water. Chewing gum is easiest to remove after treating it with freeze spray.

- Moss and algae

Regular care greatly reduces moss growth. If moss does form, we recommend calling in a specialist company.

## General Tips

- Keep the pitch free of all foreign matter
- Control access to the pitch
- Keep the surrounding areas free of litter, debris, mud, dirt, and oil and fuel contamination
- Provide enough litter bins
- Put up signs prohibiting smoking and bringing drinks, especially glass bottles, onto the pitch
- Carry out small repairs immediately
- Specify that the pitch may only be entered with suitable footwear: only soccer shoes with plastic studs or molded cleats
- No metal studs! No sports shoes with flat soles! No high heels!  
No flat-soled shoes, as they compact the sand and granules and flatten the fibers.



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