Artificial Grass Installation and Care Guide

GH1003 / GH1004

Please retain for future reference

Thank you for purchasing your St. Helens Home and Garden Artificial Grass. To help you enjoy this product, please read through this manual and follow the guidance.

Product Safety

- This product must only be used outdoors
- This product is designed for light, domestic activities and care must be taken when playing games or activities
- Do not walk on this product with shoes that have sharp edges or points, such as football boots and stiletto heels
- Do not drive heavy motor vehicles over this grass
- Do not use sharp objects on this grass
- Remove stains and marks as soon as possible following the care and maintenance guidance below
- Do not throw cigarette butts on the turf or expose to any other hot materials such as barbecues, fires and fireworks

Before installing any artificial grass, the surface must be thoroughly prepared, cleaned and smooth to achieve the most reliable, long lasting and smooth finish. The preparation depends on the surface. *A full site survey should be conducted prior to any installation or excavation works. Installation must only be carried out by a competent tradesperson.*

Applying grass to wooden surfaces

The grass can be applied to wooden surfaces such as decking or plywood. If the surface can support double sided tape, then the grass can be affixed in this manner. The grass can also be mechanically fixed using galvanised nails or screws at the perimeter. A weed membrane may help to reduce the appearance of lines from gaps in the decking.

Applying grass to a soil/sand base

1. Excavating for the Sub Base

- If turf or grass present, remove the top layer
- If area is well drained, excavate 75-100mm
- If area is not well drained, excavate 100-175mm

2. Installing Edge Detail

- Treated timber can be used to establish a perimeter in straight lines
- Metal edging can be used to establish a clean edge
- Concrete plinth can be used for curved perimeters

3. Installing Sub Base

- Add a good quality weed membrane to prevent weed growth
- Fill the excavated area to within 10mm of the finished floor level with MOT type 1 base layer and compact well (Ideally using a compacting plate)
- Fill the top 10mm with a fine grit sand and compact to finish level with edging

4. Installing Artificial Grass

- Remove grass from packaging, unroll and allow 30-60 minutes for the product to reach ambient temperature
- Trim to required size using a sharp blade, cut should be made from the back of the product
- Position the grass and secure tightly around the perimeter

5. Joining Pieces (if required)

- It may be necessary to joint pieces of grass together
- Lay the pieces next to each other in the required place
- Fold back each piece at the joint location and lay a strip of joint tape between the 2 pieces of grass
- Trim each piece of grass as required and fold back in place to check alignment
- If aligned, fold back pieces to expose tape and apply glue evenly to the full length of tape
- Carefully unfold the grass onto the adhesive and apply pressure along the length of the join to ensure good adhesion





Metal Edging



Ongoing Care and Maintenance

- Regularly remove leaves, twigs and other debris using a leaf blower, vacuum cleaner or stiff brush
- Pet fouling should be physically removed immediately and any stains treated with a disinfectant and rinsed with clean water
- If required, clean using a mild detergent and water, use a stiff brush to apply the solution to the grass and rinse off with clean water
- To keep the pile looking healthy, brush regularly with a stiff brush in alternating brushing directions to lift the pile to avoid the grass looking 'flat'

Accessories

GH1200 U-Shape Grass Nail (50 Pack)

GH1210 Joint Tape (10m)

