

## MAINTENANCE OF YOUR ARTIFICIAL GRASS TENNIS COURT

The life expectancy of your court will be extended if you care for it with regular maintenance. Grooming with a 600mm sand broom leaving the sand level 3mm below the surface pile will give you a lush green appearance with medium to fast playability and limited slide. Less sand, faster play, less glare, less slide. More sand, slower play, more slide and more glare.

Green sand is an option – more expensive, but enhances the green appearance and the sand level can be that for slower play, with a higher sand level the lush green look is maintained without the glare.

Grooming as often as weekly is recommended on courts in regular use. On a dry court, sweep loose sand, which has migrated to the perimeters, back onto the playing area. Vary the brooming direction on each occasion. Ask us about leaf sweepers.

Weeds and moss can appear on your court and need attention. Use a 'knockdown' weedkiller such as Glyphosate for weeds and grass. This will only kill what it touches, but will not kill moss and it will not sterilise the sand.

Where moss is a problem, a regular watering with diluted pool chlorine will kill the moss and spores. Use 1- litre to a 9-litre watering can. Minor infestations will be killed and bleached. Heavy infestations of moss on a neglected area will need a much stronger solution up to 50%.

Start pouring across the court ON THE HIGH END, working towards the drain. The dead moss will then need to be removed using a very stiff 300mm moss broom, and any sand losses replaced. A pungent smell remains for a few days after treatment. We supply chlorine in 15 litre drums, which are returnable for a deposit refund.

Repeated use of chlorine on green sanded courts can cause bleaching of the sand.

Over a period of years your court can become matted, with the old sand and accumulated dirt compressed into a hard surface, far removed from the beautiful court you installed originally. This can be corrected quite spectacularly by high-pressure water blasting to remove some of the old sand, and replacing with new. This process brings the court back to 'as new'. We recommend you have us carry out this type of work as we have the experience and equipment.

The top layer of sand can be replaced with green sand at this stage if desired.

ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE FROM GRASSSPORTS INCLUDING BROOMS AND SAND – BOTH WHITE AND GREEN.

WE ALSO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROCESSES, NET REPAIRS, NET POST REPAIRS, ETC.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THE CHEMICALS YOU USE CAN HARM DESIREABLE PLANTS.**

We do not recommend mechanical beater type equipment, which can strip the tips of the exposed grass blades thus reducing the life of the court.

*A sporting solution to an environmental problem*

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