

# **CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE**



Termiturf has been specifically designed for durability and we know it will give you many years of enjoyment.

This guide explains some simple tips to help your Termiturf maintain its good looks. Our friendly consultants are always available to discuss any additional questions you may have.

### PETS

Not only will your pets enjoy the feel of Termiturf, the other good news is dogs are unlikely to dig holes due to its durable backing and sealed joins.

With excreta, just clean it up as you would normally and then simply wash away any excess with a watering can or hose. Where the Termiturf is subjected to heavy use by animals, products are available to reduce odours.

# GROOMING

We recommend an occasional "brushing" or "grooming" to help maintain the blades in an upright position.

This will continue to give your Termiturf that soft feel and lush appearance. All grooming should be in the one direction so the blades are aligned the same way to enhance presentation. We suggest using a leaf rake, stiff bristle broom or power broom.

#### DEBRIS

Leaves, dead flowers or sticks from surrounding gardens can easily be removed by hand or with a leaf rake or blower-vac.

## WEEDS

It is possible for weeds and seeds to take root in the sand infill and drainage holes. From our experience, they are easily removed by hand or by raking the Termiturf. If you are in a particularly weed susceptible area, you may want to consider a complete weed treatment.

### **ID UTILITIES BENEATH TERMITURF**

In some situations, there may be utilities such as junction boxes, water pipes or electrical cabling located under the Termiturf. It is useful to draw a plan showing the location of these utilities prior to installation as this will make it much easier to locate them in the future.

To access utilities, cut out a section of the Termiturf over the relevant area. Roll back that section but avoid folding the Termiturf as it may create crease lines. Once the work on the utility has been completed, reinstall and compact the base. Then roll the Termiturf back into its original place. Where possible seal the joins with joining tape and pin to the base at 300 mm centre spacings. Use a stiff broom to brush any dislodged sand back into place and top up with more sand if needed.

### DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER

The backing of the Termiturf is perforated allowing water to drain. In heavy downpours, there may be pooling but, in most cases, the water will dissipate once the rain stops.

After very heavy rainfall, check the infill sand on your Termiturf to ascertain if any has been washed away. More infill sand should be applied as per our installation specifications to the areas affected.

Ideally, the lawn should be installed with a slight fall to allow excess water to drain. A similar fall as used with brick paving is recommended.

Note that drainage may be affected by accumulation of debris such as leaves or weeds. These should be removed.



### SPILLAGE

The blades and backing of Termiturf are non-absorbent. However, to keep your Termiturf looking its best, it is wise to remove spillage as soon as possible.

Liquids such as beer, wine, juices or soft drinks are not a major problem. They are easily wiped or hosed off with cold water. If they persist, use warm soapy water.

Paint spills should be treated immediately. Clean the area as you would when cleaning paint brushes.

For instance, water based paints should be removed with water and oil based paints with turpentine. Quickly soak up any paint spillage and then refer to the paint label for disposal instructions.

Oils can be removed with a mild degreaser. Do not use acids on the Termiturf as these are both hazardous and could cause damage to your new lawn.

In a worst case scenario, and where there is permanent damage to the Termiturf, a new piece can be installed to replace the damaged section.



#### THINGS TO AVOID

- Motor vehicles consistently driving across or parking on your Termiturf may damage the blades as well as affecting the compaction of the base beneath. This also applies to other very heavy objects.
- Smoking extinguishing cigarette butts can create burn stains on the blades.
- Chewing gum will stick to the Termiturf blades.
   This can however be removed by filling a plastic bag with ice and placing directly on the chewing gum for 5 minutes. Once the gum has hardened, carefully scrape it off with a butter knife. Wipe the affected area with methylated spirits to remove any remaining gum residue.
- Barbeques leaving a barbeque permanently on your Termiturf without some form of a base is not advised.
   Barbeques can create messy fat overspray or drips and these will potentially detract from the appearance of your new turf.
- Strong chemicals for obvious reasons we don't recommend exposing your Termiturf to any harsh chemicals. Immediately wash off any spillages.

