

Synthetic Grass Installation Guide

Site Base Preparation

- Remove 2- 3 inches of existing sod and/or dirt.
- Cap and/or remove any sprinklers.
- Be sure to set a rough grade for drainage.
- Compact natural soil.
- Lay 2-3 inches of either class II road base or decomposed granite.
- Hose down and then compact to 90%.
- Make sure base surface is as smooth as possible.
- Create a slight grade for optimal drainage.
- Sculpt or create a crown for a more natural look

Turf Installation

- Turf should be rolled out under the sun at least 1-2 hours before installation. This will allow the turf to acclimate and as a result make it easier to work with.
- Lay out turf onto base and position where needed. Using a carpet knife/razor knife, cut turf (on backside) to fit area.
- Fasten one end with 60-D nails of 6 inches in length, spaced 3-4 inches apart along the edges. Stretch turf and fasten with nails as you move across to the opposite end. Place a nail every 12-24 inches throughout center and every 3-4 inches along the perimeter.
- Fasten together any seams using 60-D nails spaced 2-3 inches apart and U shaped landscape staples. Do not counter sink nails along seams.
- After turf is installed, broom before applying infill. Apply infill onto turf using a drop spreader and spread infill as evenly as possible. Note: Never use regular sand (masonry sand) for infill.
- Broom again so that the blades are standing straight up. Use carpet scissors to trim off the excessive turf blades. Clean the surrounding area with a blower or a broom.

Tips for a Professional-Looking Install

- Make sure to properly compact the base material using a vibrating compactor or roller
- One yard of base materials will cover 100 square feet at 3 inch depth (1 Yard = 1 Ton).
- Prior to installation, lay turf out under the sun for at least 1-2 hours to allow turf to acclimate. This will make the backing less stiff and the turf easier to broom.
- Always stretch and install turf taut.
- Do not overlap seams.
- Never drive nails into base too far because this will create a noticeable dip.
- Always broom prior to filling.
- Always run grain of turf in the same direction. Use a 2x4 (straight line installation) or 1x2 (curve line installation) of synthetic or pressure treated wood bender board around the perimeter of turf area to frame and protect the turf from soil and debris.
- Use only sized screened silica sand or acrylic coated spherical sand for infill. Amount used will vary depending upon pile height of turf and. A 50 lb. bag of infill will typically cover a 30 to 50 sqft. of turf.

Recommended Tools for Installation

- Wheel Barrow, Shovels, Picks, Grading Rake, Hammer
- Measuring Tape, Carpet Knife, Cutting Blades
- Drop Spreader (For Infill), Compactor (For Base), Broom (for clean-up)

Materials for Installation

- Drain Rock Decomposed
- 6" common nails
- Landscape Staples
- Infill Materials: Medium silica sand. Depending on the pile heights, infill amount may vary (1-2lbs per square foot).
- Bender Boards: May be used when needed.

