Turf Sellers – Installation steps



STEP 1

REMOVE GRASS

It is time to say goodbye to the lawn that has caused you so much frustration over the years! We recommend removing at least 4 inches of your existing lawn or base. Keep in mind that soil does add up fast! We recommend having a dump trailer on site in order to ensure that you take the proper precautions to dispose of your existing base. Check your local city's website for the appropriate information. If this is already too overwhelming, do not hesitate to reach out! We have exclusive synthetic grass installation professionals with the right equipment and tools to make sure your project is done correctly.

STEP 2

ADD BASE

Evenly distribute 3 inches of quarter minus. The quarter minus will create a level platform allowing for proper drainage. We do recommend laying a weed barrier on top of the quarter minus in order to prevent vegetation from growing; however, this is not recommended if you have pets, for their waste will not drain properly. If applicable, you can also install gopher wire. Lightly wet the area and go over it with a compactor until you achieve a smooth surface.

STEP 3

LAY TURF

Roll out your new artificial grass. Be very careful to not drag your turf across your freshly compacted base. It is best to allow the turf to sit in the sun for 30 minutes to 1 hour, and let it expand prior to installation. If you are working with multiple rolls, it is **imperative** that the blade direction and stitch patterns are facing the same direction. Crossing blade directions will result in poor appearance. Carefully nudge and move your artificial grass into the proper position. Wear kneepads to protect your knees and shins while stretching the turf. A carpet kicker will come in handy when you stretch and maneuver the turf, too!

STEP 4

CUT TO FIT

Now it is time to make the appropriate cuts. The best cutting devices are razor knives and carpet cutters. All cuts should be made from the back of the synthetic grass so that you can see the stitch rows. When making the cut, leave 1/4" to 1/2" of turf over the edge of your border—this will help with the finishing touches at the end of your project. If you are working with multiple pieces of synthetic grass, this the perfect time to secure your seams with nails and/or seam tape and glue. Be sure that the blades of your turf are laying in the same direction when seaming, and that the space between each stitch row matches.

STEP 5

SECURE PERIMETER

It is time to secure your artificial grass to the ground. Begin by tucking the extra 1/4" to 1/2" edges into the border with a metal putty knife and a hammer. We recommend using 5" OR 3.5" non-galvanized turf nails or staples. Using a hammer, gently tap the nail or staple until it pierces the backing. Disperse the turf blades with fingers and drive the nail or staple into the ground. A nail or staple should be placed every 6-8 inches along the outside perimeter, and every 2-3 inches on the seams. Before you add infill, make sure to brush up the turf with a power broom or push broom. This will stand the blades up and prepare the turf for the sand.

STEP 6

SPREAD INFILL

Meeting the proper infill requirements for the turf system you have purchased is extremely important to the appearance, performance, and life span of your artificial grass. Please ask your sales rep for infill requirements if you are unsure! There are many different types of appropriate infill that can be used. Options include: Silica Sand, Zeolite, and/or Wonderfill. We recommend using a drop spreader to evenly disperse the proper amount of infill.

STEP 7

BRUSH INFILL

Once the infill has been placed, use a power broom, or another stiff bristled broom, to brush the turf. This will assist the turf blades in continuously standing straight up to make your new artificial lawn look like freshly mowed grass. Repeat the process until your infill is evenly distributed and your seams disappear. Brushing up your turf blades will be the only quarterly maintenance (outside of proper sanitation if you have pets). Once the infill has been placed, brush against the grass blades again to get the blades standing and natural looking. Lastly, rinse the grass of all remaining dust and infill.