

# K9Grass

## Indoor Maintenance Guidelines



**K9Grass®**

**ForeverLawn®**



### General Guidelines - Indoor

Proper maintenance will ensure many years of pet-friendly play. The following provides a maintenance framework for developing the level of maintenance you desire for your installation. Consult your installer for specific protocol and read the "Understanding Indoor K9Grass" document. Proper maintenance is one of the three pillars of success with K9Grass.

### Hair and Debris Removal along with Grass Grooming

K9Grass should be regularly groomed manually or with equipment that brushes the blades and removes residual debris. A vacuum with a rotating brush and strong suction can be an effective tool for this. Vacuuming should occur when the grass is dry and frequency is dependent on use. A general guideline is to start once a week and increase/decrease based on results. High volume facilities may vacuum daily.

### Cleaning

Since K9Grass is made of non-absorbent polyethylene and nylon fibers and contains antimicrobial AlphaSan®, you can be assured that the blades will not stain or retain odor. However, the surface of the blades, the backing, and the area around the grass still needs to be kept clean. K9Grass with its short dense design is a perfect solution.

Solid waste should be removed immediately and soiled areas rinsed regularly. It is a good practice to "spot treat" these areas with an enzyme immediately after the waste is removed. It is unwise and not recommended to attempt to wash solid waste through the grass. The flushing system is designed to rinse the floor and move urine to the drain without wetting the grass. Frequency of cleaning is dependent on use but it is common for indoor facilities to clean the grass daily. The flushing system is typically run two to five times a day, several minutes for each zone to rinse the floor.

Required frequency of cleaning is based on multiple variables. Factors such as the number of dogs, the type of use (play or potty), as well as personal preference should all be considered. Daily rinsing with water will remove much of the residual waste from the blades and will also rinse the floor surface. Water should be used liberally when washing the grass.

Most indoor areas that are used for waste elimination require daily rinsing and disinfecting.

Disinfectants are a classification of cleaners that are used to clean (kill germs) the grass, floor, walls, and underlayment material. While "germ kill time" may vary, it is common to leave disinfectant on the surface for 15 minutes prior to being rinsed off. Disinfectants kill germs but they typically do not necessarily eliminate the source of odors (urine and feces).

Enzymes reduce and help eliminate the source of the odor (urine and feces) and should be applied to wet grass after disinfectants have been applied and rinsed off. Enzymes should be applied and left on for anywhere from 4 to 24 hours. While enzymes break down the source of odors, they do not necessarily kill germs. Longer enzyme exposure to organic waste and water will maximize results.

Most cleaning products are safe to use with K9Grass. However, any agent that contains bleach in a solution of greater than 1:20 should not be used. (A 1:32 ratio of bleach to water is sufficient to neutralize Parvovirus). It is recommended that any cleaning product be applied in a small test area first. Water in excess of 160 degrees should not be used on the grass.

The following list is a small sampling of disinfectant cleaning products to get you started:

- Triple 2 made by HTP - Health Technology Professional Products
- WYSIWASH – Available from ForeverLawn
- KennelSol – made by Alpha Tech Pet
- Accel – Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide
- Bleach (no stronger than 1:20)
- White Distilled Vinegar and Water

The following list is a small sampling of enzyme products to get you started:

- Odor Pet – made by Alpha Tech Pet
- Eliminator – made by HTP – Health Technology Professional Products
- Foreverzyme – available from ForeverLawn
- K9Zyme – available from ForeverLawn West
- Nature's Miracle – available at most pet stores

### Other Guidelines

For additional questions regarding the care and maintenance, please contact your local authorized ForeverLawn dealer or ForeverLawn corporate office.

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### General Guidelines - Outdoor

Maintenance requirements for K9Grass outdoor installations are typically much less than with most other surfaces. However, proper maintenance is still required and will ensure many years of pet-friendly play. The following general guidelines provide a framework for you to develop a customized protocol for your specific application and desires.



### Hair and Debris Removal along with Grass Grooming

K9Grass should be regularly groomed. For smaller applications this can be done manually. However, there are options for appropriately sized equipment that will brush the blades and extract residual debris and hair. A vacuum with a rotating brush and strong suction can be an effective tool. Power brooms and wider commercial grade vacuums are more effective for larger areas. Vacuuming should occur when the grass is dry. Frequency is dependent on use and exposure to hair and debris. Recommendation: vacuum once a week and increase/decrease based on results.

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Solid waste should be removed and disposed of immediately and soiled areas rinsed regularly. It is a good practice to "spot treat" these areas with an enzyme immediately after the waste is removed. It is unwise and not recommended to wash solid waste through the grass.

Required frequency of cleaning is based on multiple variables. Factors such as the number of dogs, the type of use (play or elimination), as well as personal preference should all be considered. Regular rinsing with water will remove much of the residual waste from the blades and will rinse the base material.

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