



MACADAM SURFACING MAINTENANCE

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Maintenance procedures are designed to ensure the following:

- » The playing surface is kept clean.
- » The playing surface gives consistent performance.

These objects are achieved by:

- » Sweeping and removing leaves from the Tar Macadam Surface
- » Brushing the [sports surface](#), to prevent any tendency to form an impervious skin on the surface that may impair drainage.
- » Ensuring appropriate footwear is used on the surface (i.e. no studs).
- » Inspecting surface for signs of damage and arranging remedial repairs promptly.

KEEPING THE SURFACE CLEAN

Leaves, tree flowers, pine needles and other debris should not be allowed to remain on the surface for any length of time as this can have an adverse effect on the sports surfacing. Debris can rapidly form a drainage-inhibiting 'skin' within the surface, and providing a growing medium for algae, moss and weeds which may allow moisture to be held within the asphalt surface, which may cause issues during cold / freezing conditions due to expansion / contraction. Periodic cleaning by hosing down or Light Power Washing and lots of water with a stiff brush should be all that is necessary to remove pollution and surface debris. If a deeper clean is required or the area has lots of moss and algae to clear, then a mechanical clean may be advisable.

STAIN REMOVAL

Most of the stains that appear on the surface can be used using easy techniques. Hot water (not boiling) with the addition of a soft household cleaner like washing up liquid is often all that is needed. Cleaners like Bleach are not normally recommended as they can stain and damage the surface.

WEEDS

No matter how much care is taken, weeds may occasionally appear on the surface usually as a result of wind blown seeds. Small weeds can be removed by hand without damaging the surface. Damp and shaded areas of surfacing may attract moss and these areas may need a little bit of extra care and attention. Any pathway moss killer can be used. Localised areas of self-set weeds can be treated with domestic weed-killers without causing damage to the surface. Oil-based weed killers should not be used. Care must be taken in its application because of a possible hazard to children.

SNOW AND ICE

Snow and ice are not harmful and can be permitted to melt through. Brushes or rubber edged scrapers may be used to remove snow. Metal shovels or scrapers can be used although extreme care should be taken in order not to damage the surface. Solvent based chemical de-icing agents should not be used.

If heavy rain falls immediately after a very cold spell, the surface may become flooded for a few hours. Do not worry, the ice will soon melt and the surface will then drain normally. Salt and / or Grit, may leave the surface stained as well as acting as an abrasive. We offer a Play Surface friendly liquid de-icer, please visit our 'maintenance section' of our web site.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

DAILY

Check for visual evidence of vandalism, accidental damage and excessive wear.

WEEKLY

Clear leaves, rubbish and debris from the surface, hosing down with water as necessary. Deal with any new weeds, moss or algae. Inspect whole surface for signs of damage, seek advice from manufacturer as required.

TWICE A YEAR

Check for moss and algae growth, food-stains, shoe-marks etc and remedy as appropriate.

Thoroughly clean down the area.

Inspect whole surface for signs of damage, seek advice from manufacturer as required.

DAMAGED SURFACING

In the event of accidental damage being identified, please contact Soft Surfaces for advice (Tel. 01625 445760).



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SPORTS AND SAFETY SURFACES

Maintenance and Safety Inspection Sheet for Macadam Surfacing

Daily (*visual*) Inspection

Date:

Inspected by:

Detail	Yes	No	N/A
Check for vandalism			
Check for accidental damage			
Check for excessive wear, under any high usage areas			

Weekly Inspection

Date:

Inspected by:

Detail	Yes	No	N/A
Clear leaves, rubbish and debris from the surface, hosing down with water as necessary			
Deal with any new weeds, moss or algae			
Inspect whole surface for signs of damage, seek advice from manufacturer as required			

Every Six Months Inspection

Date:

Inspected by:

Detail	Yes	No	N/A
Check for moss and algae growth, food-stains, shoe-marks etc and remedy as appropriate			
Thoroughly clean down the area, using stiff brush and hose down with water			
Inspect whole surface for signs of damage, seek advice from manufacturer as appropriate			

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