

The logo for the Association of Play Industries (API) is displayed in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters 'A' and 'I' are red, while the 'P' is purple. The logo is centered within a white circular area that has a red border. This circle is part of a larger graphic design featuring several circular inset images of children playing on a playground. The background of the top section is a red-tinted photograph of a playground with children playing on equipment.

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## Aftercare and Maintenance Guide Synthetic Surface - Wetpour

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It is important to maintain your synthetic surface. Adopting routine maintenance will help safeguard its performance and preserve its appearance. Regular maintenance will also ensure the terms of your guarantee can be met.

After initial installation and in conditions when moisture overlays the surfaces e.g. dew, the surface may be slippery. Whilst care should be taken, this will wear off as the children use the surface.

### Potential issues:

**Pollution:** Surface debris, loose leaves, dirt and litter.

**Moss, Algae:** Needles and leaves should not be left on the surface for prolonged periods of time as rotting leaves will impact on the performance of your surface and may encourage microorganisms, moss and algae to form.

**Tree Sap:** Consider sap from overhanging trees which may embed into the surface. If not removed this could affect the porosity of the surface. Seek advice from your supplier as to how to remove such pollution.

**Chewing gum:** Should be removed from the surface by using a freezer spray on the specific isolated area. Care should be taken when removing the gum to ensure no harm is done to the underlying surface.

**Snow and Ice:** Snow and ice are not harmful to the surface, however, care should be taken if attempting to clear. Metal shovels, scrapers and abrasive products will harm the surface and potentially leave a slippery residue. Seek advice from the supplier before using chemical de-icers.

### How to maintain:

**Inspection:** Visually inspect the surface for foreign objects and remove them on a daily basis.

**Housekeeping:** Regular sweeping of the area is highly recommended. Jet Washing the surface can help prevent any accumulation of dirt, however, care should be taken with the pressure used. High pressure is NOT recommended.

**Strong Chemicals:** Periodic application of a proprietary moss and algae killer could be used however, refer to supplier for advice on the type to be used. Strong chemicals, bleach or detergents are not recommended as they may cause damage. If in doubt contact the supplier.

**Wear and Tear:** Inspect entire surfacing for significant wear and tear and report any issues immediately to manufacturer for advice.

**Guarantees and Warranties:** Always refer to your supplier for advice if you are unsure how to proceed with a problem with your surfacing. Ask your supplier for their maintenance guidance on the chosen surface.

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