

Acrylic Sport Surfaces Maintenance Guide

Proper maintenance of acrylic sport court surfaces is essential to preserve play performance, appearance, and long-term durability. Routine cleaning and preventative care will extend the life of the surface and reduce the need for costly repairs or premature resurfacing.

Routine Cleaning

Acrylic sport surfaces should be cleaned regularly to prevent the buildup of dirt, debris, and organic matter that can accelerate surface wear.

- Daily / Weekly: Remove loose debris such as leaves, sand, and trash using a soft broom, blower, or vacuum.
- Monthly: Rinse the surface with clean water to remove dust and fine particles.
- As Needed: Wash the court using a mild detergent mixed with water and a soft bristle brush or low-pressure washer (under 2,500 PSI). Rinse thoroughly to avoid residue.

Avoid harsh chemicals, solvents, or acid-based cleaners, as they can damage the acrylic coating.

Stain and Spill Removal

Prompt attention to spills prevents staining and surface degradation.

- Oil, grease, or food spills should be cleaned immediately with mild detergent and warm water.
- Mold or mildew may be treated with a diluted solution of household bleach (1:10 ratio) followed by a thorough rinse.
- Avoid abrasive scrubbers or wire brushes that can damage the texture coating.

Water Management

Standing water can shorten the life of the court surface.

- Ensure proper drainage around the court perimeter.
- Remove puddles after heavy rain when possible.
- Keep drains and surrounding areas clear of obstructions.

Seasonal Maintenance

- Inspect the surface at the start and end of each season.
- Remove organic buildup such as moss or algae.
- Check perimeter edges and joints for cracking or separation.
- Address minor cracks early to prevent expansion.

Equipment Protection

- Use only non-marking athletic shoes on the surface.
- Avoid dragging heavy equipment or sharp objects across the court.
- Place protective mats under benches, ball machines, or movable equipment.

Snow and Ice Removal

In colder climates:

- Use plastic shovels or rubber-edged snow pushers.
- Avoid metal blades or ice chippers.
- Do not use rock salt or harsh de-icers that may damage coatings.
- If de-icer is necessary, use products approved for acrylic surfaces.

Inspection and Repairs

Acrylic courts should be professionally inspected every 1–2 years.

- Minor cracks or wear should be repaired promptly.
- Recoating is typically recommended every 4–8 years depending on usage, climate, and maintenance practices.

Long-Term Preservation

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Consistent maintenance preserves surface traction, color vibrancy, and play consistency. Neglecting routine care can lead to premature fading, cracking, and coating failure.

A structured maintenance schedule is a small investment that significantly extends the service life of the court.

