



Artificial Turf Regulations



Artificial turf can provide solutions to areas that are difficult to maintain, have high traffic, or the desire is to reduce watering demands. However, the use of artificial can be expensive and can impact buildings and living vegetation with the heat it can generate in summer months. Artificial turf should only be used to supplement natural vegetation and groundcovers. This brochure is meant to act as a guide for the installation and maintenance of artificial turf that complies with Ogden City Ordinance 15-13-16.A.5.

A Land Use Permit will need to be obtained to install artificial turf. An application, landscape plan, and artificial turf manufacturer documentation will need to be submitted for review and approval by Ogden City Planning. Please contact the Ogden City Planning Division to obtain additional information:

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2549 Washington Boulevard
Ogden City, Utah 84401
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Where Can I Install Artificial Turf?

Artificial turf can be used to supplement vegetation and groundcovers in landscaped areas by:

- Being at least 4' from tree trunks and 2' from shrubs.
- Not covering more than 50% of a landscaped area, with *exception* to certain sports fields.

Where is Artificial Turf Restricted?

Artificial turf can be installed in most landscaped areas, with exception to:

- Drainage features such as ponds, retention, and detention basins.
- Parkstrips or public ways.



What Kind of Artificial Turf Can I Use?

High quality artificial turf that is durable and visually realistic will need to be used that:

- Emulates natural turf in look and color.
- Has a pile height of 1.5” *except in rear yards on planned recreations surfaces.*
- Has a minimum tufted weight of 56 ounces per square yard.
- Has a minimum 8 year warranty to protect against fading and decreased pile height.

NOTE: The use of indoor or outdoor plastic or nylon carpeting does not qualify as artificial turf and is prohibited.



How Do I Install My Artificial Turf?

There are various methods of installation, which will need to include the following:

- The turf must be properly anchored. Seams shall be nailed and glued, not sewn. Edges must be trimmed to have a natural appearance.
- The ground underneath needs to be graded, compacted, and designed to drain and prevent excess runoff or pooling. The artificial turf must have a minimum permeability of 30” per hour per square yard.
- There must be a solid barrier (e.g. mow strip, bender board) to separate the artificial turf from planters and live vegetation.



How Do I Maintain My Artificial Turf?

Individual manufacturers will have maintenance guides that should be followed. At a minimum artificial turf must be:

- Cleaned regularly and maintained in an appropriate and neat manner.
- Replaced if it becomes worn, uneven, discolored, or damaged.
- Kept visually level with the grain pointing in a single direction.