



## ALL-WEATHER TENNIS COURT CARE & MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Congratulations on your new All-Weather tennis court. To maximize the useful life of any type of court, owners should develop and implement a regular schedule of maintenance. Regular inspection and repair of minor irregularities is more cost effective than allowing the court to deteriorate to the point of requiring major repairs.

The most important step in maintaining the court surface is to keep it clean by removing debris immediately and by spot cleaning spills as soon as they occur. Practice preventive maintenance by prohibiting food and beverages (except water) on the court surface. Provide wastebaskets to encourage players and spectators to keep the surface clean.

Require proper footwear. **Black-soled athletic shoes will leave permanent marks and hard-soled street shoes can damage the surface.** Post signs restricting skateboarding, roller-skating, bicycles, etc.

Take a simple "common sense" approach to maintaining the court and use the following maintenance procedures as a guideline.

### PRE-SEASON MAINTENANCE:

When reopening for the new season, clean all debris that has accumulated on the surface. A broom or leaf blower will accomplish this, however more stubborn stains may require power-washing. Always exercise care when using a power washer as pressurized water can damage the surface. Also be careful with gas powered blowers making sure no gas or oil leaks onto the surface.

Leaves, twigs, grass, and other debris can stain the court surface. For stubborn stains, use a mild cleaning solution of one cup bleach mixed with one gallon of water. Lightly scrub the area with a soft brush then thoroughly rinse with clean water. If mold or mildew is present, the same cleaning solution can be used. Dampen the area first allowing the solution to penetrate, scrub gently, then rinse with clean water.

Inspect the court surface for small hairline cracks, divots, and any other irregularities. Some wear is normal especially at the baseline, service-line, and net.

Inspect the net posts and winding mechanism to make sure they operate properly making sure not to over-tension the net. Inspect windscreens and replace the plastic break-away ties as necessary.

### REGULAR MAINTENANCE:

Remove debris and trash immediately to prevent staining. Provide a walk-off mat at the entrance ways to collect dirt from shoes. If the surface collects excessive dirt or pollen, hose off the surface with normal water pressure.

Regularly trim the grass and landscaping around the perimeter of the court to permit proper drainage from rainwater. Use a commercial herbicide to prevent and control weeds that invade the court edges.

Remove standing water after a rainfall using a rubber squeegee or foam roller.

### WINTERIZING:

Remove nets and net posts (optional). Take down windscreens. Make sure no leaves remain on the court after the Fall season.

Do a walk-thru of the facility and note any cracks. If possible have all cracks repaired before Winter sets in.

In cold climates, do not attempt to remove snow with shovels or "salt" the court as this will damage the surface.