

MAINTENANCE TIPS

TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF YOUR GAME

ADVANTAGE TENNIS ONLY APPLIES THE BEST SPORT SURFACES, PERIOD. THUS THEY ARE VERY DURABLE AND REQUIRE LITTLE MAINTENANCE. BASIC CLEANING WILL GO A LONG WAY IN PREVENTING PREMATURE STAINING AND WEAR. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF YOUR SPORT SURFACE BETWEEN RESURFACING...

CLEAN REGULARLY

ONCE A MONTH IS SUGGESTED. WATCH FOR EVIDENCE OF MOLD OR MILDEW IN SHADED AREAS AND CORNERS WHERE ORGANIC DEBRIS TEND TO ACCUMULATE. ACRYLIC COATINGS DO NOT SUPPORT FUNGUS GROWTH, SO GROWTH OF FUNGUS OR MOLD IS A RESULT FROM FOOD AND DRINK SPILLS, DECAYING MATTER, OR OTHER FOREIGN MATERIALS ON THE SURFACE FEEDING THESE ORGANISMS.



TO REMOVE MOLD, FUNGUS & OTHER ORGANISMS ON THE SURFACE USE: TWO PARTS HOUSEHOLD BLEACH, MIXED WITH ONE PART WATER. USE THE SOLUTION TO TREAT AFFECTED AREAS. SCRUB GENTLY WITH SOFT BRISTLED BRUSH (NYLON OR NATURAL HAIR) AND RINSE THOROUGHLY AFTER A FEW MINUTES. RINSING YOUR SURFACE WITH WATER IS USUALLY SUFFICIENT FOR GENERAL CLEANING. IF THERE ARE VISIBLE STAINS ON THE COURT SURFACE, A MILD DETERGENT CAN BE APPLIED PRIOR TO GENTLE SCRUBBING WITH A SOFT BRISTLE BRUSH. THE SUGGESTED MILD DETERGENT FORMULA: COMBINE FOUR PARTS WATER WITH TWO PARTS TSP (TRISODIUM PHOSPHATE) AND ONE PART HOUSEHOLD BLEACH (WHEN MILDEW PRESENT).

WHEN USING A PRESSURE WASHER OR WATER BROOM, LIMIT PRESSURE TO 70 P.S.I. REFRAIN FROM ANNUAL USE OF A PRESSURE WASHER, AS THE SHEER PRESSURE CAN REMOVE SAND FROM THE RESURFACER AND MAKE PLAY AREAS SLIPPERY.

REMOVE FOREIGN MATTER

LEAVES AND PINE NEEDLES NOT ONLY CAN STAIN YOUR COURT, BUT ALSO ARE BREEDING GROUNDS FOR MOLD AND MILDEW. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO REMOVE LEAVES IN THE FALL AND KEEP YOUR COURT FREE OF DEBRIS ALL WINTER. SNOW IS THE ONLY EXCEPTION. SNOW ACTS LIKE A BLANKET AND PROTECTS YOUR SURFACE ALL WINTER.

REMOVE STANDING WATER

RAIN SHOWERS HELP CLEAN YOUR COURT. HOWEVER, DIRT ACCUMULATES IN STANDING WATER, LEAVING STAINS AND PILES OF DEBRIS. THIS ACTS LIKE SANDPAPER UNDER PLAYERS' FEET AND CREATES ABRASION ON THE SURFACE. REMOVE WATER FROM BIRDBATHS AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. ALSO BE SURE TO AVOID LAWN SPRINKLERS SPRAYING ON THE COURT REGULARLY.



DRAINAGE IS KEY

DRAINAGE IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE SUCCESS OF YOUR SPORT SURFACE. EXCESS WATER THAT FLOWS BACK ONTO THE SURFACE OR BENEATH THE COURT CAN CAUSE MANY PROBLEMS, INCLUDING MAJOR CRACKING. BECAUSE WE KNOW LANDSCAPING IS IMPORTANT AND AESTHETICALLY PLEASING, BE SURE VEGETATION DOES NOT BLOCK ANY DRAINS OR SWALES. WE SUGGEST YOU KEEP GRASS AND ANY OTHER VEGETATION TRIMMED AND AWAY FROM THE COURT SURFACE AS WELL, TO ALLOW ADEQUATE DRAINAGE OF THE SURFACE.

WHAT ABOUT CRACKS?

IF YOU LIVE IN NEW ENGLAND, YOU KNOW THAT CRACKS ARE INEVITABLE. THOUGH, PAINTING YOUR FACILITY PROTECTS THE ASPHALT, YOU KNOW THAT IT WILL EVENTUALLY CRACK JUST LIKE THE ROADS. THE BEST DEFENSE FOR CRACKS IS PROPER DRAINAGE. FROZEN WATER IS THE ARCH NEMESIS OF ASPHALT. AS WATER FREEZES, IT EXPANDS AND CAN SHIFT ASPHALT IN INFINITE WAYS.

EVERY FALL BE SURE TO CHECK ALL DRAINAGE IS IN WORKING ORDER AND ALL SOD IS REMOVED FROM EDGES TO ALLOW WATER ON THE SURFACE OF YOUR FACILITY TO ESCAPE TO THE DRAINAGE.



IF THERE ARE ANY SMALL HAIRLINE CRACKS THAT APPEARED OVER THE SEASON, SEAL WITH A CLEAR ACRYLIC WATERPROOF SEALER AND A PLASTIC PADDLE BEFORE FREEZING TEMPS.

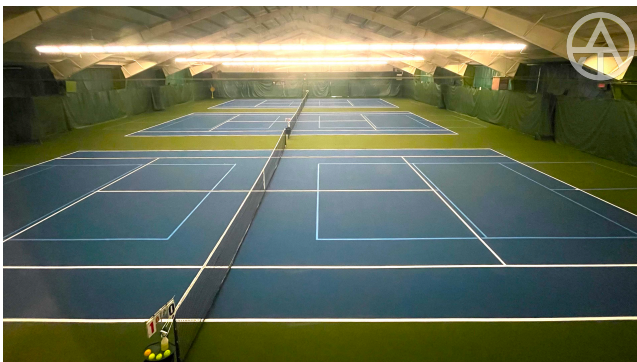
IF YOU NOTICE SWELLING OF CRACKS REPAIRED WITH THE ARMOR CRACK REPAIR SYSTEM IN THE SPRING, DON'T WORRY, IT'S COMPLETELY NORMAL. REFRAIN FROM PLAY, EVEN IF THE SNOW IS GONE.

ALLOW THE NATURAL WATER TABLE BELOW THE COURT TO LOWER, RELIEVING THE SWELLING OF THE FABRIC NATURALLY.

REPAIRS & RESURFACING

THE STANDARD RESURFACING OF SPORT FACILITIES IN NEW ENGLAND OCCURS BETWEEN 5 TO 8 YEARS. THE ASPHALT BASE OF A SPORT SURFACE, NO MATTER HOW WELL BUILT, CAN EXHIBIT CRACKING AND LOW SPOTS KNOWN AS "BIRDBATHS". THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THESE PROBLEMS INCLUDING: GROUND MOVEMENT AND SINKING, TREE ROOTS, IMPROPER BASE MIXES AND DRAINAGE.

WHILE THE COURT OWNER CAN HANDLE MANY OF THE CLEANING AND PROTECTION; KEEP IN MIND THAT SURFACE REPAIRS AND RESURFACING IS BEST HANDLED BY SPORT SURFACING PROFESSIONALS.



MAINTENANCE TIPS FOR INDOOR FACILITIES AND CUSHION SYSTEMS

CUSHION SYSTEMS ADD MULTIPLE LAYERS OF RUBBER GRANULE-CONTAINING COATS, BENEATH THE COLORED TENNIS COURT SURFACING LAYERS. THE BUILDUP OF THESE COATS PROVIDES A SOFTER, CUSHIONED EFFECT TO PLAYERS AND MINIMIZES FATIGUE AND SHOCK IN THE JOINTS AND BODY.

HERE ARE A FEW ADDITIONAL POINTS THAT APPLY ONLY TO CUSHION SYSTEMS.

PROTECT THE SURFACE FROM HEAVY ITEMS

HIGH LIFTS AND OTHER MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT ARE COMMONLY USED INDOORS, THESE ITEMS CAN CAUSE DENTS OR TEARS IN THE CUSHIONED SURFACE. IF HEAVY EQUIPMENT MUST BE USED ON THE SURFACE, PROTECT AND SPREAD OUT THE SURFACE AREA OF THE ITEM BY PLACING A LARGE BOARD, OR OTHER FIRM PROTECTIVE PAD, ON THE SURFACE. MAKE SURE TO REMOVE THE HEAVY ITEM OR DEVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PREVENT LONG-TERM DENTS OR DAMAGE.

ACRYLIC COATINGS TAKE 14 DAYS TO ACHIEVE A FULL FILM CURE. AT THAT POINT, THE FILM HAS REACHED ITS FULL STRENGTH. TRY TO AVOID PUTTING ANYTHING HEAVY OR POTENTIALLY DAMAGING ON THE SURFACE AT ANY POINT, BUT ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO THE 14 DAY POINT. IF THE FACILITY IS INDOORS, UP TO 30 DAYS MAY BE NEEDED (DEPENDING ON INDOOR HUMIDITY LEVEL.)



BENCHES OR BLEACHERS WILL LIKELY LEAVE A DENT IN THE CUSHIONED SURFACE. PROTECT THE AREA BENEATH THE LEGS FOR BEST RESULTS.

CUSHION SYSTEM REPAIRS

WHEN PERFORMING FUTURE REPAIRS ON A CUSHION SYSTEM, TRY TO USE RUBBERIZED OR FLEXIBLE ACRYLIC PRODUCTS TO MAKE THE REPAIRS, IF POSSIBLE. AN ELASTOMERIC, OR FLEXIBLE CRACK SEALANT, IS IDEAL FOR FILLING CRACKS THAT MAY OPEN IN THE SURFACE.

THIS WOULD COMPLEMENT THE SOFTNESS OF THE SURFACE VS USING A HARD CRACK FILLING METHOD.

LOW SPOTS THAT CREATE PONDING OF THE SURFACE SHOULD BE FILLED WITH ADDITIONAL COATS OF CUSHION.

COARSE CUSHION CAN BE BUILT UP IN LAYERS TO DO MOST OF THE FILLING AND A FINE CUSHION LAYER CAN FILL IN SMALL REMAINING VOIDS BEFORE RESURFACING. IF THE LOW SPOT IS DEEPER THAN 1/4", ACRYLIC PATCH BINDER PATCHING MIX MAY BE USED. HOWEVER, IT MAY LEAVE A SLIGHTLY NOTICEABLE "HARDER" SPOT.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ADVANTAGE TENNIS

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY! WE ARE HUMBLLED BY YOUR CHOICE AND ARE EXCITED TO ADD YOUR SPORT FACILITY TO OUR LIST OF BEAUTIFUL PROJECTS THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND.

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