

How Artificial Turf Is Recycled and Reused

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This is Part Two of our Eco-Friendly Turf newsletter. Last month, we wrote about the “green” benefits of [Watersavers Turf](#)’s products. This month, we want to discuss how artificial turf is recycled and reused. If you’re selling a property, you want to know yours won’t wind up in a landfill. By learning how artificial turf is recycled and reused, you’ll know it can be removed without harming the planet. After all, you may have installed it with the goal of using less water. You’re the type of person who cares about protecting Earth.

That’s why we want to share some info about how artificial turf is recycled and reused. As it turns out, it’s a fairly simple process.

Recycling Artificial Turf

Recycling artificial turf usually involves hiring a contractor who specializes in it. Companies like Turf Reclamation Services can help. They use tools when recycling artificial turf that helps recover the useful materials for future use. Their process of recycling artificial turf involves the following steps:

- First, they lift the fake grass from its base and separate it into 45-inch wide strips. They do so with a special attachment designed for their Wrangler base unit. Lifting the turf allows them to reclaim the infill without damaging it.
- Next, they drive over the strips with a tractor-like machine that extracts the infill. The strips run through it on a conveyor belt, so they remain unharmed. They simply fall off the conveyor belt back onto the ground. The infill falls directly into large bags for storage and reuse.
- After the infill is removed, they once again drive over the strips in the Wrangler. This time, they use an attachment which winds them up into compact bundles.

With the fake grass in bundles and the infill in bags, both are easy to transport. Other manufacturers can use them to create new products.

Reusing Synthetic Grass

Reusing synthetic grass is easy once it’s been removed. Some companies melt it down and manufacture new artificial grass with it. However, reusing synthetic grass doesn’t always require such an involved process. Sometimes, reusing synthetic grass is as easy as taking the reclaimed strips and installing them elsewhere.

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For instance, a strip of plastic grass might not be useful on a football field, but it can easily serve as a walking path at an outdoor mall. It's also ideal for baseball field sidelines. Some golf course owners find that small sections of turf are perfect for lining sand traps as well. These smaller strips are even useful as dog runs.

Creative Fake Turf Projects

You don't need to give away your reclaimed turf. Cut it up into smaller pieces, and use them for your own creative fake turf projects. Our [blogs](#) are a great resource for anyone planning on going this route. We regularly cover creative fake turf projects that are ideal for a DIY enthusiast. Want to put your recycled surface material to good use? Consider any of the following creative fake turf projects:

- As mentioned, strips of turf make great walkways. Install one through your backyard garden to draw more attention to it. Unlike live grass, it won't compete with your other plants for nutrients.
- Spending time in green spaces has been shown to boost a person's mood. After removing your turf, apply sections of it to garden walls. Doing so adds a lot of color to areas where there is little or no water.
- Our turf is perfect for a putting green. That said, you may not have space for a full one in your backyard. Still, you can use a smaller strip of leftover turf to practice your aim. The turf will match the texture of an actual golf course surface better than thick live grass. Thus, you'll have a better chance of boosting your skills.

These are just some of the smart ways you can reuse your turf. That said, for the best results, you need a quality product that will stay in good shape after you've removed it.

At Watersavers Turf, that's exactly what we offer. Stop by any of our [SF Bay Area locations](#) to browse all the different styles we carry. They're all [certified](#) non-toxic and lead-free. We even test them to ensure they stand up to fire and UV rays.

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