



# Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF) Recommended Maintenance

## Daily

1. Visually inspect the entire playground area. Remove all foreign material.

## Weekly

1. Particularly in high traffic areas, rake the EWF as necessary to keep the surface level. A level surface is necessary for wheelchair access and compliance with ADA regulations.
2. In the use zones, dig down to the subsurface or drain system and measure the depth of EWF. Ensure that the depth is sufficient for the fall height of the structure. The use of markings on the play structure supports or on the containment barriers is also recommended as a means to ensure sufficient depth.
3. Visually inspect the play area for trip hazards. Ensure that all playground surfacing wear mat edges are sloped down and covered with EWF.

## Miscellaneous

1. EWF appearance and longevity will be enhanced by the removal of weeds or periodic application of an approved weed inhibitor. Application should be done by a certified pesticide applicator. When mowing around the play area, mow so that grass and leaves are blown away from the playground.
2. During a dry season, it may be necessary to wet the surface of the EWF with water.
3. During a rainy season, check the functioning of the drain system by checking the flow from an outflow pipe immediately after rain or by digging down through the EWF to check for standing water. Poor drainage will decrease life expectancy and resiliency.
4. During freezing conditions, EWF may be less resilient; restrict use of the area accordingly.
5. EWF will require "topping off" as often as every 12 months, depending on climate and use.
6. These recommendations are based on average climate and use. In a dry or wet climate, or during heavy use, more frequent maintenance may be necessary.