



Before you start...

Remove all fallen debris and droppings - if these are left in the surface they will break down and could cause contamination within the surface components, thereby affecting the porosity and life expectancy of the surface.

How to maintain a

WAXED SURFACE

Known for their versatility and ease of maintenance, waxed surfaces are a popular choice for busy equestrian centres and schools which can expect a lot of heavy footfall on a regular basis.

But while waxed surfaces need less irrigation compared to their non-waxed counterparts - due to the wax's ability to preserve structure and moisture - it is still essential to give them proper care and maintenance to maximise their longevity.

To keep your waxed surface in top shape, regardless of weather conditions, it's crucial to regularly remove debris and organic materials, and ensure it is used only for its designated purpose. Additionally, regular grading of the surface is essential to minimise the risk of injury to you and your horse.

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How early should I begin grading my surface?

We always advise that you introduce a maintenance schedule **as early as possible**, as operating a daily maintenance programme in the first few months will enable you to become familiar with your surface and how it is affected by different weathers. It will also enable you to learn the impact of horses' hooves on your surface, and to monitor areas that are prone to heavier footfall and therefore more wear, such as the entrances, tracks, and the centre line.



TOP TIP

You will want to keep your surface **light and even** in order to provide a **steady footing** for your horse.

Regular grading will help to prevent your surface from becoming too compacted and will ensure high levels of shock absorption, support, and energy return are retained.

What will happen if my waxed surface is not maintained properly?

Although easier to maintain than a non-waxed surface, waxed surfaces still require a **regular maintenance** routine in order to ensure they continue to perform well.

When a waxed surface is not adequately maintained, it becomes vulnerable to over-compaction, which can lead to a reduction in shock absorption capabilities. This, in turn, increases the risk of injury to your horse and diminishes the longevity of your surface.

Need some extra help?

We offer a range of maintenance services designed to help you with keeping your surface in the best condition possible. With multiple solutions available, we cover everything from on-demand advice and annual quality checks to full refurbishment works that can be tailored to suit any budget.



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