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Maintenance Instructions

Maintenance is an integral part of the upkeep of any Stabilized Decomposed Granite or crushed stone surface. Periodic maintenance is the key to keeping this area looking like it did fresh after installation.

A small amount of erosion is possible over time, depending on the % of slope. These areas should be raked out or have new material added to them. Debris may wash in or be deposited over the winter months, it should also be raked out. If a Stabilized surface should be infiltrated with silt, the silt should be scraped out to keep from blending with the aggregate and compromising the integrity of the mix. Once the silt is scraped out, material from underneath should be raked up to rejuvenate the area once again.

Ideally, a small stockpile should be kept for those areas that see unusually high traffic, or have been generally disturbed for whatever reason. Repairs are easy, just like the installation; level, water, and compact. Having extra material on hand is invaluable for these instances. It's a quick, solid fix that will make the area like new again.

The loose material on top inevitably gets dislodged, kicked around, and generally displaced over time. Grooming or raking the areas every so often will maintain the aesthetics and reduce the need for major maintenance as time progresses. If the larger kernels continue to be of concern, they can always be swept up and distributed into another, less busy, area...or simply discarded.

Any plowing program required during winter months should involve the use of a rubber baffle on the plow blade or wheels on the plow that lifts the blade 1/4" off the aggregate surface.