Common Lawn Diseases



Type

Anthracnose

Anthracnose outbreaks are often associated with moist soils, which is why the disease is more likely to appear after periods of excessive rainfall and high humidity.

Develops in humid conditions, temps usually over 25 degrees, lawns that have soil compaction and low nitrogen.

Products To Use

Akers Granular Lawn Fertiliser Akers Liquid Kelp Akers Certified Organic Fertiliser-(not to be used on Tiftuf)

Vantage Fungicide Impala Fungicide

Help / Prevention

Morning watering that is deep and infrequent and mowing at regular intervals is recommended.

Adequate fertiliser, reduction of thatch and aeration.

Services We Offer

Reduction of thatch levels – Scarify

Coring

Adequate fertilising – Follow Up Service



Type

Black Spot

Black spots on the upper side of the leaves.

Warmer weather with rain creates the ideal heat and humidity for black spot.

The best approach is proper lawn care and maintenance.

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Brown Patch

Can quickly spread.

Typically occurs in lawns of poor health.

Summer disease caused by fungus and is rife during the warmer months when humidity maybe high.

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Dollar Spot

Small sunken circular patches.
Often from inadequate nutrients in the soil, watering at night, thatch build up, soil compaction and poor drainage.

Dollar Spot is more prevalent in autumn and spring during warm day temperatures, high humidity and cool nights that produce heavy dews.

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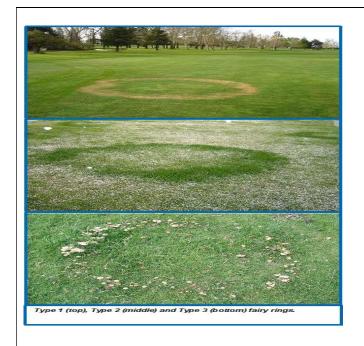
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Fungi – Fairy rings

For much of the time these fungal structures remain hidden underground, when the conditions are right, mushrooms shoot through from the underground and appear in your lawn.

Fairy rings or Fungi are a clear sign of beneficial microbes in your lawn.

Products To Use

No chemical control options are currently available.

However ½ cup Condy's Crystals (available at most chemists) dissolved in a bucket of warm/tepid water and applied 2-3 days in a row can help.

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Fusarium Patch

Is a type of fungus that appears in small circular, water soaked patches. They can be orange – brown to dark brown and finally light grey.

Consecutive wet days and cool temperatures which can occur in mainly Autumn and Spring.

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Lawn Rust

Is a fungal disease that usually occurs when the lawn growth is slowed.

Usually appears in late summer or early autumn and during dry periods of weather when the grass is low in nitrogen.

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Powdery Mildew

Is caused by a fungus, usually starts as isolated fine grey/white cobweb growth.

Most often occurs on slow growing turf, usually in shaded areas and it favours cool, cloudy conditions that often occur in Spring and Autumn.

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Pythium / Drop Off

The first sign is small patches on your lawn that look water soaked and a dark purplish colour with a greasy or slimy feel.

Conditions that favour this disease are hot days, humid or rainy weather when night temperatures are usually above 20 degrees.

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Red Thread

Is a fungal disease, it is circular or irregular shaped with small to large patches 5-15cms in diameter.

Red thread thrives in temperatures between 17 and 29 degrees, red thread causes fungus primarily during periods when grass is slow growing as a result of low temperatures, drought or inadequate fertility.

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Spring Dead Spot

Is a fungal disease common in couch lawns.

Patches can reappear and expand in the same spot for 3 or more years.

Most active in cooler weather when the soil is moist.

Products To Use

Impala Fungicide

Services We Offer

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<u>Type</u>

Dog Vomit Fungus/Slime Mould.

Most often find them in moist, shady areas and on materials such as mulch, rotting logs, leaf litter and untreated lumber.

It is not a disease and will not harm your turf.

Slime mould prefers warm temperatures as well as wet humid conditions.

Products To Use

If you have it growing in your lawn or in plants, gently rake it out as best you can. Do not use a strong jet of water to dislodge any of the remaining slime mould, as it will simply scatter the spores.

Services We Offer

If dog vomit slime mould continues to be a problem, consider switching from wood-based mulches to inorganic mulch, such as gravel. But in most gardens, it doesn't appear often enough to be a real issue. And because it typically doesn't harm plants, you can opt to let it be and simply hope for drier conditions in the future that won't support its growth.