



Lawn Enemy #1: Grubs

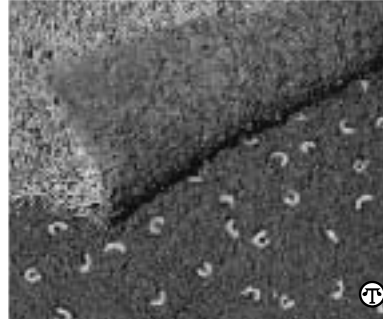
(NAPSA)—For millions of Americans, springtime is an important time for getting the lawn in shape. Unfortunately, it's also a time when lawns can come under attack from an eating machine—the grub. It is estimated that grubs cause \$250 million in lawn damage each year.

An interesting tidbit about white grubs is that you can see right through them—literally. Grubs have a C-shaped body, brown head and a transparent abdomen. Look closely enough and you can see their body parts.

It's too bad that you can't also see below your grass roots to determine if grubs have infested your lawn. They are ravenous eaters of grass roots and can quickly turn large areas of your lawn brown and spongy. They can damage a lawn so badly that it's possible to pull up and roll back the dead grass like a carpet. Damage from grubs tends to show as large, irregular brown patches.

Another form of damage comes when moles, skunks, raccoons and other small animals visit grub-infested lawns. Just as grubs love to eat, other animals love to eat them. In nature, grubs are considered a gourmet treat—a plump, meaty morsel roughly an inch long. In their frenzied search for grubs, animals will dig enough holes in your lawn to make it look like a war zone.

Left unchecked, grubs will mature into a variety of beetles, including the Japanese beetle, which can create havoc with your



Feeling “grubby”? If your lawn has brown, spongy patches, grubs may be the culprit.

roses and flowers. Other beetle varieties feed on the foliage of trees and shrubs, and severe infestations can cause extensive leaf damage; oak trees are especially susceptible. These beetles then lay eggs that hatch as new grubs, and the life cycle starts all over.

The good news is that there is now a product that will provide long-term grub protection. One application of Bayer Advanced Lawn Season-Long Grub Control on lawns in the spring is said to provide a full season's protection. It contains Merit insecticide, which kills more grubs than other products. The product eliminates grubs by killing their appetites.

If you think the brown areas in your yard are from lack of water or from cutting your grass too short, you might want to take a second look. To learn more about solving gardening and lawn care problems, visit www.bayeradvanced.com or call 1-877-BAYERAG.