

LAWN & GARDEN TIPS

Protecting Your Lawn From Unseen Enemies

(NAPSA)—There's good news for homeowners who want to prevent grubs from taking over their lawns from the roots up.

White grubs are the larval stage of beetles. The grubs hatch from eggs deposited by beetles on lawns in summertime. They look like small, white, C-shaped worms and feed on the roots of most types of lawn grasses.

They continue eating the lawn's roots into the fall, stop for the winter months, and feast again until May or June, when they transform into adults as dreaded beetles.

"Grubs like healthy turf in full sunlight that is well watered and fertilized—all the things you're supposed to do," says Bayer Advanced™ lawn expert Lance Walheim, who co-wrote the book "Lawn Care for Dummies."

"Grub damage is most severe in late summer, but problems can begin as early as mid to late spring. Grubs are easiest to control when they are young, so prevention by taking action in May through early summer is key," says Walheim.

Identifying grub damage can be tricky. Look for:

- A general thinning and weakening of the lawn
- A wilted or dried-out look to your grass, even when soil is moist
- Large, irregular, brown patches of grass
- Large patches of dead turf that can easily be pulled up like a piece of carpet, revealing the white, C-shaped grubs
- Raccoons, opossums, skunks



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or moles frequently digging into your lawn.

Now science has an answer for protecting your lawn from grubs. Bayer Advanced™ Season-Long Grub Control prevents grub damage all season long with one application. Its exclusive dual-action formula kills all common types of grubs, plus it's the only product that helps revitalize the lawn all in one easy step. It contains Merit insecticide, the insecticide of choice for many turf professionals.

If your lawn is already heavily infested with grubs, here's another solution to consider: Bayer Advanced™ 24-Hour Grub Killer Plus contains the proprietary active ingredient DYLOX, which is said to work faster than any other grub killer on the market. Grubs usually stop feeding and start to die within 24 hours. It also kills ants, sod webworms, mole crickets, ticks and cutworms.

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