

LAWN TIPS

Lawn Problems Can Go Deeper Than Drought

(NAPSA)—You may think last year's drought caused the brown spots on your lawn but chances are the problem goes much deeper. Grubs, the larvae of beetles (including Japanese beetles) could be living under your grass. They eat away at your yard without you even knowing they're there.

To tell if your lawn has grubs, look for brown patches, a soft, spongy feeling underfoot or grass that easily lifts up or rolls back revealing small white, C-shaped larvae. Also, check out what else is eating your yard. Raccoons, skunks, moles or even birds digging into your dirt could mean you've got a problem.

"Grubs are very frustrating for many homeowners," says Bayer Advanced™ Garden Expert Lance Walheim, author of "Lawn Care for Dummies." "The lawn can look great early in the year then quickly turn into a disaster by late summer. The key is to take preventive action early."

Here's how the grub-to-beetle life cycle works, and how the white, worm-like larvae wipe out your lawn:

- From March to May, grubs wake up from winter. They start chomping on grass roots, killing your turf piece by piece.

- From May to August, the grubs turn into beetles that come out to feed on your garden foliage and flowers. After their feeding frenzy, they lay their eggs all over your lawn.

- Beginning in mid-July and lasting through October, the eggs hatch into new grubs, and the cycle of feeding and destruction starts all over again.



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Bayer Advanced offers two products that target grubs. 24-Hour Grub Killer Plus is a ready-to-spread granular product for use when grubs are actively destroying your lawn and you need the quickest results. It works overnight to kill destructive grubs plus it also kills ants, chinch bugs, crickets, cutworms, earwigs, grasshoppers, webworms, sow bugs and ticks.

Bayer Advanced Season Long Grub Control with MERIT® has a dual-action formula that creates a protective zone in your soil to control grubs before they do damage and helps revitalize your lawn at the same time.

One application, applied any time from spring to late summer, protects throughout the entire season while strengthening and revitalizing stressed lawns with essential nutrients.

You can learn more by visiting www.bayeradvanced.com or by calling (877) BAYERAG. Always read and follow label instructions.