

YOUR LAWN



Lawn Disease: An Unnecessary Stress Of Summer

(NAPSA)—Summer is officially here and so are lawn and plant diseases. Fueled by high heat, drought, and humidity, lawns and plants are turning brown. However, if you think that this browning can only be caused by a lack of water, think again. You could have a lawn disease. And the last thing you want to do to a diseased lawn is to water it; water actually often helps to fuel the spread of the disease and resultant browning of the lawn.

Lawn diseases are not easy to diagnose; in fact, it is best to prevent diseases before they occur. Using a multipurpose fungicide will help to protect your lawn, trees, shrubs and flowers from damaging diseases, and keep your yard looking its best throughout the season.

One of the most common lawn diseases of the summer season is *brown patch*, which is evident by brown, water-soaked areas that appear under conditions of high humidity. Other summer lawn diseases include *dollar spot*, which shows up as dead spots on the individual grass blades and *fusarium blight*, which becomes severe during the dry, hot periods after early wetness. *Pythium blight* disease is caused by high moisture conditions.

The best way to cure a diseased lawn is to apply a fungicide. In order to determine which fungicide is best for your lawn, you must be familiar with your lawn grass variety and the problems it can incur, as well as your climate. There are three main forms of fungicides and each has its advantages: granular, powder and liquid concentrate. The granular type is spread over the lawn using a broadcast spreader. It takes a little longer to work, and some infestations might require a longer acting product. Fungicides also come in powder or liquid concentrate, which are mixed with water and applied through a pump sprayer. Liquid fungicides are also available in an aerosol spray for treating diseased shrubs or smaller areas of your lawn. All three usually work for up to two weeks



Many confuse brown grass as grass in need of water. You may actually have a lawn disease that can be easily treated with multi-purpose fungicides.

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All fungicides are either contact or systemic. Contact fungicides simply means that it has to come into contact with the blades of grass thoroughly, so it works fairly fast. Systemic fungicides are absorbed by the plant either through the root system or leaves and kill the fungus from within.

Spectracide Immunox® Lawn Disease Control is specially formulated to prevent and cure all major lawn diseases such as *brown patch*, *dollar spot* and *powdery mildew*. It is packaged in a bottle that attaches to your hose for easy application over 3,000 square feet. For protection from insect damage, *Spectracide Immunox® Plus* is a multipurpose product that combines a fungicide with an insecticide, giving you double protection. Always carefully read the label directions before using a fungicide product, and specifically follow the directions to be in compliance with the law.

Don't let a lawn disease dampen your summer spirits. By understanding the diseases attacking your lawn and taking action with the appropriate fungicide, you can spend more of your summer relaxing. For more information about lawn care and disease control, call 1-800-332-5553 or visit www.spectracide.com.