

LAWN & GARDEN TIPS

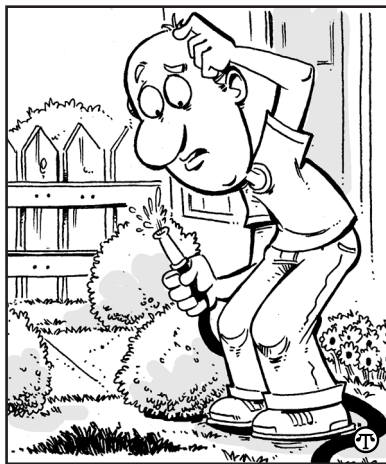
How To Take Care Of Your Lawn

(NAPSA)—Lawns and plants can turn brown for many reasons. Heat, drought and humidity are among the most common. What many lawn lovers don't realize, however, is that browning can also be caused by lawn disease. One of the worst things you can do to a diseased lawn is to water it; water can actually help spread the disease and increase browning.

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

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



For the grass to be greener on your side of the fence, a fungicide may be needed, *not* more watering.

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All fungicides are either contact or systemic. Contact fungicides have 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. It's 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 label directions before using a fungicide, and specifically follow the directions to be in compliance with the law.

Don't let a lawn disease dampen your spirits. For more information about lawn care and disease control, call 1-800-332-5553 or visit www.spectracide.com.