Meehan's
Brookside
LAWN SERVICE

Billbugs

Billbugs are a type of beetle that can cause serious damage to your lawn. The adult billbug tunnels into grass blades to lay eggs, and the larvae (grubs) feed on the roots below the surface. This feeding weakens the grass, causing thin, brown patches that can get worse during the summer months. Billbugs are common in Northeast Ohio lawns, especially in sunny, open areas.

What is a Billbug?

Billbugs are a type of beetle. The adult tunnels into grass blades and lays eggs inside. As the eggs hatch, the larvae tunnel down into the soil and feed on the grass roots. This feeding weakens the grass and can cause brown, thinning areas in your lawn. Billbug activity usually begins in the spring and early summer.



Signs of Billbug Damage

Billbug damage often looks like thin, brown patches in the lawn that can spread quickly. Affected areas may feel spongy, and the grass pulls up easily because the roots have been eaten. Damage is often worse in sunny areas and during hot, dry weather, which is common in Northeast Ohio.



How to Control Billbugs

The best way to control billbugs is with proper watering. Lawns that are watered deeply during dry spells can often outgrow the damage. Regular core aeration also helps keep the soil healthy and reduces stress on the grass. In severe cases, professional treatment may be needed to stop billbug activity and allow the lawn to recover.



Meehan's B.A.G. Program

For added protection, we offer **Meehan's B.A.G.** (Billbug, Armyworm and Grub) prevention program. This treatment is applied in the spring, before billbug activity begins, and helps eliminate the larvae as they begin feeding on your grass. It can greatly reduce or prevent damage and keep your lawn healthy all season long.



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