



BROOKSIDE
LAWN SERVICE

Red Thread Disease



A healthy lawn starts with knowledge and care. Understanding Red Thread Disease is the first step to keeping your lawn green and thriving.



Symptoms

Symptoms of Red Thread disease start as patches of turf, with pinkish red threads sticking out of the top of the leaf blade. If the disease is wide spread through out the lawn, the turf may have a red/brown cast when looked at as a whole. While the disease is active it is pinkish red, as dry weather sets in, the areas turn brown to brownish red. The patches of diseased turf will remain until the environmental conditions change, and the turf grows out the damage.



Why?

Red Thread flourishes during periods of warm humid weather, with frequent rain fall. The disease usually appears in May with frequent rain fall and last until environmental conditions change (Sometimes through September). The turf, excessive moisture, and Red Thread fungi that occurs in nature, come together and Red Thread develops.



Control strategies

Control strategies include applications of disease prevention, curative disease applications, proper watering, proper mowing, and fertilizing. What action to take depends on ones expectations of the lawn. Red Thread will generally not permanently damage turf that is properly fertilized. Keeping the lawn growing through drought times with proper watering, as needed, allows the turf to grow out the affected leaves.



Cultural Practices

Doing a soil sample is a good idea for lawns that have severe or repetitive Red Thread disease. This will determine if the soil needs any special corrective applications. Call the office if you would like to schedule a soil sample.

Selecting a seed blend that shows some resistance to Red Thread and other common turf problems is the best solution when given the opportunity to choose. Mowing at the proper height and frequency is also necessary for turf health. Avoid watering in the evening, and shut off sprinkler systems during periods of frequent rain fall. Watering deeply and less frequently during dry periods helps the grass recover by growing out the damaged turf.



Treatment with disease applications

Treatment with disease applications may be necessary in severe cases. Some lawns that have an annual history of Red Thread may consider a disease prevention, prior to the time Red Thread appears. When treating with a curative application, the treatment will not remove the existing damage, but stop it from spreading. The grass will have to grow out the affected areas. With both preventative and curative applications, repeat treatments will be necessary while favorable conditions for the disease persist. Please contact the office to schedule treatment of your Red Thread.



(330) 721-TURF (8873)

A beautiful lawn doesn't happen by chance. **We're here to help!**

