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RUST DISEASE

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What is Rust Disease?

Rust disease shows up as orange/yellow powdery spots on the leaves of your lawn. It is caused by fungi that are airborne and thrive in cool, moist conditions. Young grass that has not yet been established may be more susceptible than established turf.



Why?

Rust disease comes from fungi that are airborne. Rust flourishes during cool moist conditions. The disease usually appears with the first dewy evenings from midsummer on. The grass, moisture, and fungi come together and rust appears on susceptible grass.



Signs of Mole Activity

- Raised ridges across the lawn (tunnels)
- Volcano-shaped mounds of soil
- Soft or spongy areas in the turf
- Mole activity is often seen in spring and fall.



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. Rust will generally, not permanently hurt turf that is properly fertilized. Keeping the turf growing through drought times, with proper watering, allows the turf to grow out the affected leaves.



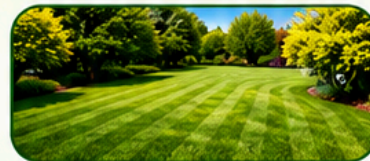
Treatment with Disease Applications

Treatment with disease applications may be necessary in severe cases. Some lawns that have an annual history of rust may consider disease prevention, prior to the time rust appears and repeat while cool wet conditions remain. When treating with a curative application, the treatment will not remove the existing orange powder, but will stop it from spreading. The grass will have to grow out the affected areas. If cool, wet conditions persist, it will be necessary to retreat every three weeks. Please contact the office to schedule treatment for your rust.



Cultural Practices

Selecting a seed blend that show some resistance to rust 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. Watering deeply and less frequently helps keep the lawn disease away.



Helpful Tips

- Improve air circulation and reduce excess shade.
- Water deeply and infrequently.
- Don't over-fertilize with nitrogen.
- Keep your mower blades sharp.
- Remove grass clippings to reduce moisture buildup.



**Healthy, thick turf
is the best defense
against rust disease!**



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Call today for a healthier, more beautiful lawn!