



Sod Web Worms & Cut Worms

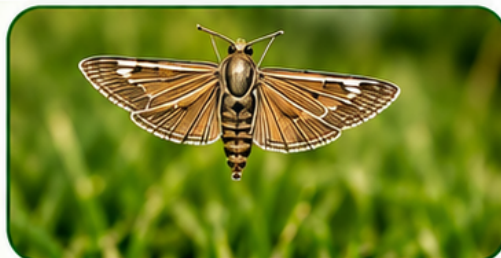


Although it is rather rare, it is true that Sod Web Worms and Cut Worm caterpillars can cause damage to home lawns. The damage is usually small spots and not a significant problem in a well maintained lawn.



Moths Flying Over the Lawn

The presence of moths flying over the lawn does not mean you have a problem. It is best to confirm that you have Sod Web Worms or Cut Worms damaging the turf.



Confirm the Problem

In order to confirm Sod Web or Cut Worms, spread the grass blades apart with your hands and look for small green pellets (Frase) in the area of transition between damaged turf and healthy turf.



If you don't find any frass and still think that they could be the problem, move onto the soap flush test. Fill a 5 gallon bucket half way with water and add a 1/4 cup of liquid dish washing soap to the bucket and hand mix. Pour the water/soap solution on the grass enough to flood the soil in the area affected. If there are any caterpillars in the turf they will climb to the top of the leaf blades within a couple minutes. This will confirm there presence.

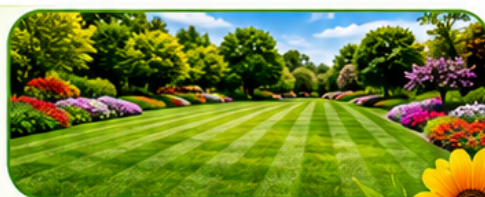


Treatment options:

These insects are easy to control, once it is established that there is a problem. One or two per square ft is reason enough to treat. Typically, you will only treat the areas affected, not the entire turf area.



Call our office to schedule treatment. If you are on a 5 or 7 step program without skipping treatments, this application will be done at no charge.



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