



Chinch Bugs Fact Sheet

Chinch bugs can do serious damage to your lawn in few days and devastate an entire lawn in a matter of weeks. In the younger stages of life the chinch bug is reddish in color and as mature adults they are black in color. They cause damage to the lawn by piercing the grass blade stem or crown, injecting digestive juices and then they suck out the plant's liquids. Wilting and discoloration of the grass is the resulting damage of these insects.

Diagnosing and treating these pests needs to be done quickly as they can do quite a bit of damage in a short amount of time.

Steps to treat the problem:

- * Mow the turf, bag the clippings and dispose of them.
- * Apply an insecticide.
- * Water the area so the insecticide gets down into the plant crown.

Remember that a healthy lawn will discourage these insects from invading your lawn. Keep your lawn healthy by fertilizing at least 3 times during the growing season, mow at proper height (occasionally bag the clippings as the chinch bugs prefer turf areas high in thatch and organic debris) and practice good watering habits.

Give us a call at 1-800-LAWNCARE if you have any questions