



Curvularia Blight

Fact Sheet

There are six species of Curvularia Blight. This fact sheet will inform you of the most common symptoms and effects. Curvularia Blight is a disease that most severely affects turf exposed to full sunlight and turf growing near sidewalks and paved areas. Turf affected by this disease starts out in yellow patches and becomes brown in appearance. In the advanced stages the leaves may shrivel and die.

Optimal conditions for the development of this disease on cool season grasses are several days in succession of temperatures between 85-95 degrees Fahrenheit, combined with extended periods of leaf wetness. In warm season grasses, it can develop in Spring on turf that has received winter damage, and during Summer on turf that has been stressed by insects, fertility imbalance, root feeding nematodes, or drought.

Treatment: Keeping thatch layer less than 1/2 inch thick, and preventing potassium and phosphorous deficiencies, as well as proper watering techniques (see fact sheet on watering), will help your lawn stay resistant to this disease.

The Living Water staff are always ready to assist you with your lawn care needs.

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