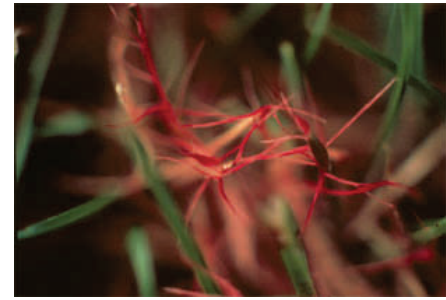




Living Water
Lawn & Tree Care™



Red Thread

Fact Sheet

Red Thread is a disease caused by a fungus (*Laetisaria fuciformis*), and occurs during Spring and Fall during humid periods when air temperatures are between 60—75 Fahrenheit. It develops most rapidly in nitrogen deficient, slow growing lawns. It appears as individual strands or tufts of pink to reddish weblike growth on the end of, or protruding up from the tips of brown grass. Infected leaves may appear water soaked initially, then die and fade to a bleached tan color. This disease may be interspersed with healthy turf grass, or in severe cases, may affect large areas, and kill the blades. It spreads primarily by mowers, feet, or other mechanical means. The red threads function to help the disease keep itself alive during periods that are not as favorable for it, and can stay viable up to 2 years.

Treatment: Ensure grass clippings are collected and disposed of properly in affected lawns, and if a history of red thread, a fungicide may be needed. Ensure lawn is properly fertilized, but avoid over watering. Do not allow thatch levels to accumulate. Do not water in late afternoon or evening. Plant trees and shrubs far enough apart to prevent large areas of continual shade. Ensure a soil pH of 6.5 to 7.0 in lawns where red thread has been a problem in the past.

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

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