Dollar Spot Inspection Guide

Learn How to Check For Dollar Spot Lawn Disease

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OVERVIEW

Know The Conditions & Signs Of Dollar Spot Disease

Video Instructions



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When inspecting your lawn for dollar spot, it's especially important to know exactly what time of year and conditions are best for dollar spot development and what signs and symptoms to look for, so you can begin your dollar spot treatment as soon as you see signs of disease.

STEP 1

When To Inspect For Dollar Spot Disease



The conditions best for dollar spot is high humidity and high temperatures. It usually begins to appear in late spring and early summer, and can reappear in early fall.

Make sure to monitor your lawn around this time of year (and throughout the growing season) for any yellowed or bleached grass, taking note of the size and shape of the dead patches, which tend to be the hallmark of dollar spot.

STEP 2

Look For The Right Signs



The signs of dollar spot can resemble the symptoms of other turf diseases, especially dead spot and brown patch, and even some insect pest damage.

Remember: Look for patches of bleached or tan turf, roughly in the shape of a circle. They can be a couple inches to several inches in diameter. Each leaf will have lesions (spots) of lightened discoloration, which can eventually kill the entire leaf blade. Rot/necrosis is not part of this disease.

If you aren't sure if you have dollar spot or if it may be a different turf disease, you can check by asking your local extension office. There, a volunteer or master gardener will be able to identify your turf disease.