How to Get Rid of Chinch Bugs

Chinch Bug Treatment Guide

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OVERVIEW



Chinch bugs are small pests that can damage your lawn, leaving patches of dry, dead grass throughout your turf.

If you have chinch bugs, read the rest of this guide to learn how to get rid of these grass-destroying critters.

Not sure if you have chinch bugs? Read our guide on what chinch bugs look like for more information.

STEP 1 Treat Your Lawn with an Insecticide

Treating your lawn with an insecticide labeled for chinch bugs is the best way to get rid of the bugs. Chinch bugs mature quickly, so it is important to apply an insecticide treatment as soon as possible.

1A Prepare Your Lawn for Treatment



Remove as much thatch and overgrowth from your lawn as possible so that the turf is exposed. This will ensure your

insecticide reaches the chinch bugs.

1B Select Your Insecticide

Select an insecticide labeled for chinch bugs, such as Talstar P Professional Insecticide. The insecticide can be in either liquid or granule form, whichever you prefer.

Products needed for Step 1B



Talstar P Professional Insecticide
$39.98
4.5 (3493)

1C Prepare Your Insecticide



If you choose to use a liquid insecticide, you will need to mix it with water in a sprayer before applying. Read the product label to determine your product to water ratio and shake the sprayer thoroughly to combine.

If you are using a granular insecticide, read the product label to determine the setting needed for your granule spreader.

Products needed for Step 1C



B&G Sprayer 1 Gallon 18 in. Wand & Extenda-Ban Valve (N124-S-18)
$399.97
5.0 (99)

1D Apply Your Insecticide

Apply your insecticide across your entire lawn. If using a liquid insecticide, broadcast spray all of your lawn turf, starting from the edges of your lawn and working your way in.

If using a granular insecticide, walk the entirety of your turf with your spreader. Be sure to double back to your starting point to make sure you treat all grass.

You may need to water your granular insecticide after application. Read the label of your insecticide to determine if water is needed.

Watch the video below for more information on using insecticide on chinch bugs.

Video Instructions



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Di58OVmHHo

STEP 2 Maintain a Healthy Lawn



In chinch bug treatment and prevention, it is helpful to maintain a healthy lawn. A healthy lawn can better fend off any infestation of chinch bugs and other pests and lawn disease. A healthy lawn will also respond better to insecticide treatments.

Learn how to prevent a chinch bug reinfestation in the final part of our chinch bug guide. Click the right arrow below to read more.