

Skip Richter's Lawn Pest, Disease, & Weed Management Schedule*

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Insects						Treat for chinch bugs & sod webworms. (1)						
						Treat for grubs. (1)	Optional treatment for older grubs. (1)					
Diseases			Optional treatment for Take-All Root Rot if present.	Treat for gray leaf spot promptly if detected. Minimize frequency and duration of wet turf conditions. Avoid excessive nitrogen applications.						Treat for Take-All Root Rot if present.	Optional: Retreat for Take-All 3 weeks later	
	Apply fungicide if lawn has a history of large (brown) patch.		Avoid low mowing height, excessive nitrogen, & frequent watering to minimize gray leaf spot and large (brown) patch disease. Aeration, compost topdressing, & foliar application of beneficial microbes may suppress some turfgrass diseases.			Apply fungicide in lawn if history of large (brown) patch.						
Weeds (prevention)	The first and most important step in weed control is to build a dense, healthy turf over time through proper fertilizing, mowing and watering (see Skip Richter's Lawn Care Schedule). Remember, wherever sunlight hits the soil, nature plants a weed!											
	Apply a pre-emergence herbicide to prevent warm season weeds.		Optional 2nd preemergence application 8-9 weeks later. (2)	Don't apply preemergence herbicides at higher rates or more frequently than the label directs or significant damage to the turf can occur. Avoid use of preemergence products on newly sodded lawns for at least 6 months.				Apply a pre-emergence herbicide to prevent cool season weeds.				
Weeds (kill existing)	Apply a postemergence broadleaf herbicide before cool season weeds bloom .		Apply a postemergence herbicide to warm season broadleaf weeds.	Avoid using most warm season, post emergence, broadleaf weed control products when temperatures are above the mid to upper 80's. Spot treat if necessary in the early morning hours to minimize damage to turf.								

Turf insecticide examples: chinch bugs & sod webworms - Nitro-Phos Bug Out MAX, cyfluthrin grubs (June) - imidocloprid (July/Aug) - Bioadvanced 24 hour Grub Killer Plus, carbaryl (Sevin) Organic: sod webworms - spinosad, azadirachtin, Steinernema nematodes grubs - Heterorhabditis nematodes chinch bugs - pyrethrin	Turf fungicide examples: Large (brown) patch: Nitro-Phos Total Brown Patch Control, DiseaseEX Gray leaf spot: Nitro-Phos Eagle, DiseaseEX Take-All Root Rot: DiseaseEX, Nitro-Phos Eagle, propiconazole Organic: aeration, compost topdressing & microbially enriched foliar products	Preemergence herbicide examples: Nitro-Phos Barricade, Dimension Organic: corn gluten meal (3), cultural practices to increase lawn density*, compost topdressing	Postemergence herbicide examples: Celsius, Bonide Weed Beater Ultra, Fertilome Weed Free Zone Organic: Captain Jack's Lawnweed Brew (FeHEDTA), AgraLawn Organic Crabgrass Killer (cinnamon). Hand pulling after watering to soften the soil (a weeding fork can help).
<i>* See also Skip's Lawn Care Schedule at: gardeningwithskip.com (1) Treat if these pests are found in lawn. (2) May be needed in thin turf with a history of annual weed problems. (3) Inconsistent results.</i>			