

Get the low down on:

Red Thread & Fusarium

Red Thread

What is it?

The main symptoms are irregular patches of light brown or bleached leaves covered by distinctive 'red threads' or needles when wet.

When can it be found?

This disease can occur at any time of the year as it is usually found in shady, poorly aerated compacted soils with a lack of nitrogen.

What can be done?

Although in severe outbreaks may kill the grass, generally affected turf will recover adequately. Steps should be taken to reduce shade where possible and improve the soil quality by hollow tine aeration at least one a year and regular spiking with a fork. Too much thatch results in weaker turf, therefore scarification will usually benefit too. For severe outbreaks or annual reoccurring issues we have a powerful systemic fungicide that protects turf as it grows, combatting disease infection from within. It is long lasting and gentle on turf. If this product is required, we will visit and advise you of the cost for your lawn.

What the red thread looks like:



What the damage looks like:



Fusarium

What is it?

The main symptom is rapidly developing circular patches of 25-50mm diameter. The leaf becomes brown and mushy and sometimes pink or white cobweb-like fungal threads can be seen in early morning.

When can it be found?

Usually in the Autumn and early spring during cool humid weather. But it can occur at most times for the year.

What can be done?

It is encouraged by high nitrogen fertility and thatchy poorly drained soil. Therefore attention to drainage and ensuring free movement of air over the turf surface is vital. Regular aeration by spiking plus periodic hollow tine aeration will make the surface less moisture retentive. Removal of water holding thatch and moss is also essential at least one a year. The return of clippings provides a substrate for disease development, so care should be taken to collect all clippings when mowing. Finally, we have two types of fungicides that we can apply. For mild or small outbreaks a contact fungicide is usually adequate and we simply spray this at the same time as our regular treatment free of charge. For severe outbreaks or annual reoccurring issues we have a powerful systemic fungicide that protects turf as it grows, combatting disease infection from within. It is long lasting and gentle on turf. If this product is required, we will visit and advise you of the cost for your lawn.

Sometimes has this pink or white fluffy growth



What the damage looks like:



If you think you may have Red Thread or Fusarium, please call us now, we will visit to confirm the problem and arrange a program to save your lawn.

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