Pest Monitoring Calendar for Home Lawns in Virginia¹

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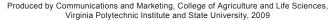
Turfgrass pest ²	Month											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Red thread & pink patch			XX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					•••••			
Helminthosporium leaf				XXXXXXXXXXXXX					•••••	•••••		
spot												
Powdery mildew					••••••							
Slime mold			•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••									
Sclerotinia dollar spot					XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX							
Rhizoctonia brown patch				·······XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX								
Pythium blight						XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX						
Gray leaf spot				·············XXXXXXXXXXXXX								
Fusarium blight						XXXXXXXXXXXXX						
Summer patch						XXXXXXXXXXXXX						
Fairy ring			••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••									
Spring dead spot ³	••••••								XX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	
Fusarium patch	XX	XXXXXXXXXX								•••••		•••••
White grubs⁴							•••XX	XXX				
Caterpillars ⁵								XXX	XXX			

¹ For chemical control recommendations, refer to the Pest Management Guide: *Home Grounds and Animals*, Virginia Cooperative Extension publication 456-018. Proper identification of the pest is essential to deliver appropriate control strategies. Consult your area horticultural agent or other Virginia Cooperative Extension resources for assistance in pest identification.

⁵ Treat when grub population reaches 6-10 per square foot.









² Periods when severe outbreaks occur frequently are indicated by an upper case "X". Outbreaks may also occur less frequently during periods indicated by a "•". Consider the history of the turf when deciding if treatment is warranted. For example, repetitive seasonal outbreaks of Rhizoctonia brown patch often justify preventive fungicide applications before the symptoms of disease appear.

³The fungus causing spring dead spot is active during the fall and winter, after bermudagrass reaches full dormancy. Symptoms are not visible until the bermudagrass breaks dormancy in the spring.

⁴The turf caterpillars of primary importance are armyworms and cutworms.