X MARKS THE DOLLAR SPOT

Golfers don’t care what it is, they just know it looks bad.

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TIPS FROM DR. DANNEBERGER

- Cultural practices to reduce disease severity center on soil/leaf moisture and nitrogen fertility. Prolonged periods of wetness when temperatures are favorable are conducive for disease symptoms.

- To reduce disease severity, try practices that help reduce leaf wetness, including dew removal through a light morning syringe or whipping or dragging the turf. This would be especially helpful on the days fairway mowing is not done.

- For greens, rolling after mowing has been reported to reduce the incidence of dollar spot.

DOLLAR SPOT IS A WIDESPREAD AND DESTRUCTIVE TURFGRASS DISEASE caused by Sclerotinia homoeocarp-paw that can be found year-round in the United States. It is known to attack most turfgrass species including annual bluegrass, bentgrasses, fescues, Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, bermudagrasses, zoysiagrasses, centipedegrass and St. Augustinegrass. Here are just a few products to help you fight back against it.

DOLLAR SPOT CONTROL

1. Secure
SYNGENTA Designed to be the ideal rotation partner with Daconil Action fungicide, the multi-site mode of action in Secure helps deliver season-long protection against the toughest turf diseases. Now, systemic fungicides no longer replace superintendents’ contact applications, but rather compliment for inside-out protection.

The only registered fungicide for turf in FRAC group 29, Secure contains the active ingredient fluazinam. It has no known resistance and as a multi-site contact, it has a low risk of future resistance.

Secure also controls 10 additional turf diseases.
greencastonline.com/Secure

2. Curalan EG
BASF’S Curalan EG offers economical, effective dollar spot control in cool- and warm-season turfgrasses with strong preventative protection and long residual results and significant cost savings compared to many other fungicides.

It controls dollar spot and eight other diseases including brown patch, leaf spot and melting out. It is safe to use on all cool- and warm-season grasses at any stage of growth. It also makes an excellent tank-mix partner with strobilurins.
betteturf.basf.us

3. Eagle
One application of DOW AGRO EAGLE will deliver up to 21 days of disease control. So, whether you apply it on a 14-, 21- or 28-day spray schedule, it allows maintenance staffs to make the most of their time by providing long-term disease protection when it’s needed most.

Dow Agro recommends using Eagle in a tank mix or treatment rotation strategy with other broad-spectrum fungicides to provide maximum control of a wide variety of diseases.
dowagro.com/turf/

4. Fungicide IX
ANDERSON’S combines chloroneb and thiophanate-methyl to prevent and control dollar spot, gray snow mold, pink snow mold, Pythium Blight, brown patch and copper spot.

Suitable for use on all putting green turf and other turfgrasses, including bentgrass, bluegrass, bermudagrass, fescue, ryegrass and St. Augustinegrass, it provides fast-acting, sustained disease control through root and foliage uptake, resulting in less susceptibility of product to weather and maintenance conditions.
andersonspro.com

5. Triton 70 WDG
Chipco Triton 70 WDG from BAYER is a water-dispersible granular product containing the active ingredient triticonazole that provides broad-spectrum, systemic, residual disease control of key turf diseases, such as dollar spot, anthracnose and brown patch.

When applied as a preventive treatment the new fungicide product has provided excellent results in research trials conducted at both universities and golf courses, on both residential and commercial turf.
backedbybayer.com

6. Daconil Action
SYNGENTA’S Daconil Action contains the most utilized active ingredient in turf: chlorothalonil. But it adds acibenzolar-s-methyl — a turf protein booster. This has no direct effect against pathogenic fungi and bacteria, instead it triggers the natural defense re-
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