

followed by sweeping up of the dead worms afterwards. The results obtained from these materials depend very much on the timing of the work. It is important that the material shall be used when the worms are very near the surface preferably in warm moist weather as often occurs in October. The treated areas may be free from worms for up to two years though one year is more usual. Neither of these products persist in the soil and where only small areas are treated worms soon re-invade from the surrounding areas. Where a good initial kill of worms is achieved over a large area then it may remain worm free for a year or two until the worm population builds up again.

Persistent

Copper sulphate has been used occasionally in the past as a worm-killer with success but there is some risk of damaging the turf if too much is applied. On areas of undulating turf there is a considerable risk of the copper sulphate running into hollows and causing the grass to be killed in these low parts. The copper remains in the soil and the subsequent re-establish-

ment of grass is difficult. As a result of this one hesitates to recommend the use of copper sulphate for wormkilling.

Caution

Irrespective of which material is used the greenkeeper will have to do the actual job of applying it. It is up to him to see that the right amount of material is used. It is not reasonable to expect an amount of material sufficient for one green to treat three or four greens and still give good results. It is very helpful if a careful note is kept of the quantities applied to each area and if possible a small sample of the material used should be kept. If the results are not all they should be it will be possible to check how much worm-killer has been used and also to check the quality of the material used. Finally, the greenkeeper should always take great care when handling these materials especially the more poisonous ones such as lead arsenate, calcium arsenate or chlordane, taking care to avoid working in dust or spray drift and to wash thoroughly before eating or smoking and to wash in any case when the job has been finished.

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