

# Professional Grade

NEW PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS // **SNOW MOLD CONTROL**

## SNOW MOLD SEASON NEARS

DISREGARD THE LATE HEAT WAVE,  
WINTER IS COMING

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### 1. Snow mold webinar

In a recent free GCSAA TV webinar, Matt Giese, M.S., Midwest technical manager for **SYNGENTA**, discussed the need for a sound snow mold program, particularly if your course has a history of the disease. The main concepts discussed in the Webinar are:

- The importance of understanding snow mold
- Distinguishing between snow mold species
- Timing and recommendations for control
- Post-emergent control

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### 2. Interface

From **BAYER** comes Interface, providing flexible, effective disease control under all conditions and mitigating plant stress. The combination of iprodione, trifloxystrobin and Stress-Gard Formulation Technology provides a solution for diseases and plant stresses under hot, cool, wet or dry conditions. As a non-DMI fungicide, Interface can be applied throughout the year without harmful plant growth regulator effects, and help control DMI-resistant plant pathogens. Interface delivers effective control of key

**SNOW MOLD IS A DAMAGING TURFGRASS DISEASE** that occurs wherever snow cover is prevalent. Damage from snow mold fungi usually becomes apparent as the snow melts and exposes the grass. Snow mold appears as circular patches (at least 3 to 12 inches) of dead and matted grass blades. In severe cases, these patches coalesce. The web-like mycelium of pink snow mold (*Microdochium nivale*) may initially look white and mature to a faint pink to salmon color. Gray snow mold (*Typhula* spp.) is white to gray in color.

health benefits and improves turf color and quality. Use Interface alone or in combination with Tartan or Chipco Triton FLO for pink and gray snow mold control. [backedbybayer.com/interface](http://backedbybayer.com/interface)

### 3. Trinity

**BASF'S** Trinity fungicide delivers value for controlling a broad spectrum of diseases. Plus, it's the ideal tank-mix or rotation partner for Insignia fungicide to control your most troublesome turf problems. Trinity controls a broad spectrum of diseases, including gray and pink snow mold, anthracnose, brown patch, take-all patch, summer patch and dollar spot. Trinity is highly rainfast and is quickly absorbed by leaves, crown and roots of treated turfgrass. Trinity disrupts cell membrane function in the sterol biosynthesis pathway. Absorbed by leaf, crown and roots; acropetal penetrant; provides both contact and upwardly systemic activity.

[betterturf.basf.us/products/trinity-fungicide.html](http://betterturf.basf.us/products/trinity-fungicide.html)

### 4. Enclave

From **QUALI-PRO** comes Enclave, a new broad-spectrum fungicide. The first product of its kind in North America, Enclave is formulated with Quad-Control Technology that delivers effective, long-lasting protection from snow mold, anthracnose, brown patch, dollar spot and a broad range of ornamental diseases. From now through Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Quali-Pro is offering a \$25 rebate per case on Enclave, and a \$20 rebate per 30-gallon drum or \$3 per case on Foursome turf pigment.

[quali-pro.com/products/enclave/](http://quali-pro.com/products/enclave/)

### 5. Turfcide 400

**AMVAC ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS** offers Turfcide 400, preventing soil borne diseases in turf and labeled ornamentals. Turfcide is an excellent solution for control of persistent diseases of turf – from snow mold and brown patch to leaf spot and dollar spot. Turfcide is a contact fungicide to which no resistance has developed after nearly 50 years of use. Available in both granular and liquid formulations.

[amvac-chemical.com/](http://amvac-chemical.com/)

## TIPS FROM DR. THROSSELL

- Always apply your product after the last mowing of the year. If it gets warm again and you have to mow again, it's going to cut down on your success rate.
- How many days of snow cover are you expecting? The length of your winter determines your strategy. A good rule of thumb, the longer your snow cover, the more active ingredients you'll need. If you have a short snow cover, one active ingredient may do the trick. But if you have a long winter, you might need three active ingredients to get you through.
- Spring may seem like a long ways away. But when the snow melts, keep in mind that you're not out of the woods yet — it's still possible to get pink snow mold.



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