

perimeters of roadways. Never have I experienced mould over an entire sports field. Once mowing began in the spring, the mould was gone after a couple of weeks. Another concern of mine is foot traffic on the fields during winter months. For a number of years, we have prohibited students from walking on the sports fields from mid-November to April. Students wanting to take shortcuts to class were compacting the soil to the point that they would wear a path. This, of course, would not be seen until the spring when the turf had been killed. Since our ban, no turf has sustained injury.

Through my years of experience, I have found that taking the time to winterize turf properly during the fall months outweighs the hardships of trying to repair and gain back turf loss in the spring. I have been impressed with the way our turf has responded over the years from its winter hibernation. This can only be attributed to our deliberate care leading up to the winter months. ♦



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