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### Maximizing Disease Control with Fungicide Applications:

The Basics of Turfgrass Fungicides

Part Three: Plant and Pathogen Factors Affecting Fungicide Efficacy

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An important consideration when estimating the overall efficacy of fungicide applications is the growth of the turfgrass plants. Vigorously-growing plants not only have a greater natural defense mechanism to pathogen attack, but they also take up penetrant fungicides more readily. Both situations make disease control more effective at lower rates or with fewer applications.

Vigorously-growing turfgrass plants are not to be confused with excessive turfgrass growth. Vigorously-growing plants are those in a balanced state of growth where top growth is such that the root system can supply adequate levels of water and nutrients, maintaining the plant in a metabolic balance.

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