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Turf Renovation Without Tillage

Several reasons exist for renovation of turf areas. These include introduction of improved grass cultivars, reestablishment of grasses killed by weather, disease or insects and elimination of undesirable plants. Traditionally, renovation has involved tillage with a plow or rotavator and reseeding. This requires considerable effort, creates an erosion hazard on sloping sites and a loose seedbed that must be mulched and kept free of traffic until the new seeding is established. Also, perennial weedy grasses are frequently not controlled by tillage.

We have been able to successfully renovate turf areas by spraying herbicides to kill existing vegetation, dethatching or verticutting, and reseeding. If there is no reason to change the existing grade, this method may have several advantages over traditional methods that involve tilling the soil. Much less effort is required and the reseeded area will support traffic much sooner since the soil is not loosened. The erosion hazard is almost negligible even on sloping areas. As a bonus, few buried weed seeds are exposed, creating less of a weed problem in the new seeding, stones in the soil are not turned up, and straw mulch is not required for the new seeding. As with traditional methods, certain principles must be observed and definite procedures by G. B. Triplett, Jr. and M. H. Niehaus Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center

followed to insure successful renovation. The existing vegetation must be killed, most of the thatch removed, and seed planted in contact with soil. The seedings that we have made have been quite satisfactory.

The original problem that created poor turf condition must be corrected for renovation to be successful. If the poor turf was caused by excessive shade, poor drainage or too much traffic, these problems must be corrected before renovation will be satisfactory.

Killing existing vegetation. The herbicide glyphosate has been quite effective for killing existing vegetation in our trials. It is a broad spectrum herbicide effective on both grasses and broadleaf plants and with no residual activity in the soil. When properly applied, it is translocated and kills underground parts of plants as well as the tops. To be used effectively it should be applied to the foliage of actively growing plants and may not give satisfactory kill of plants that are under moisture stress or dormant. One application of it may not eradicate some hard to kill perennials such as quackgrass but is usually more effective on these perennials than one or two tillage operations. After herbicide application, dethatching should be delayed from three to five days to allow the chemical to translocate into underground parts of the plants. It will have no effect on weed seeds germinating after seedings are made.

At present, Roundup by Monsanto Co., St. Louis, Mo., is labelled for use in non-crop areas and for application before emergence of wheat, oats, barley, sorghum, corn, and soybeans. Applications to turf areas followed by seeding has not yet been approved, although in our studies we have had excellent control of species present at time of spraying and no evidence of injury to seeded species. Even high rates of it applied at time of seeding have not affected establishment of several turfgrass species. It should not be used for turf renovation until approval for this purpose is obtained. Dethatching. Established turf areas are often covered with thatch that varies in thickness, and most of this must be removed. The dethatcher should be operated until 10 to 30 percent bare soil is exposed and the debris removed. This may require several passes over the area with the dethatcher, and machines equipped with blades to slice the thatch are probably the most effective.

Seeding. In seeding, good seed-soil

contact is important and seeds falling on top of thatch will grow poorly or not at all. We have operated core aerifiers prior to seeding and later observed a tuft of grass seedlings growing in holes made by the aerifier. More effective, however, are vertical slicers adjusted to cut through remaining thatch and into the soil beneath. The blades should loosen the soil to a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch and leave an open slit. Seeds falling into this shallow trench are in an excellent position to grow well when moisture and temperature conditions are satisfactory for germination. Seeders that slice the soil and drop seeds into the slit made by the knives are available.

A definite, stepwise procedure should be followed for successful renovation.

• Kill old vegetation. Be sure the plants in the area to be renovated are actively growing. If the renovation is performed in late summer, fertilization and irrigation may be necessary to insure active growth. For spring renovation, delay spraying until vegetation is actively growing and has been mowed at least once. Do not mow for several days before herbicide application to insure adequate leaf area for herbicide uptake. When approved, spray with two quarts per acre glyphosate in 30 to 40 gallons per acre water (1.5 oz. in three to four quarts water per 1000 square feet). Be careful when walking or moving equipment from areas freshly treated to untreated areas. Herbicide can be carried by traffic to untreated area and cause injury. We have had no problem with transporting the herbicide after a rain or for traffic delayed for several hours after application.

• Dethatch. Wait three to five days after spraying and operate the dethatcher to loosen and remove enough thatch so that 10 to 30 percent bare soil is exposed. Enough cover should be left to insure good footing for traffic when soil is moist. If thatch is completely removed in some areas, mulching may be necessary for a satisfactory seeding. Delaying the thatching operation less than three days will not reduce germination of seeded species, but may result in less than satisfactory kill of vegetation.



Verticutting.

• Fertilize. Using soil test information as a basis, apply lime and fertilizer needed for satisfactory grass growth. If more than 500 pounds fertilizer is required per acre, split the application and apply ½ after grass is established.

• Seed. The last dethatching operation should leave grooves cut into the soil as a site for seed placement. Seeders equipped to cut grooves and drop seeds in the slots are good for renovation operations. Seed with cultivars and rate recommended for your area. Drag or rake seeded area lightly to provide some coverage of seeds.

While weeds germinating after seeding have been less of a problem in our trials than for conventionally prepared seedbeds, crabgrass has been present in some of our spring seedings. Suitable preemergence herbicides may be used if weed problems are anticipated.

In our renovation trials, we have seeded various Kentucky bluegrass cultivars with excellent results. The new plant becomes established at approximately the same rate expected for seedings made in conventionally prepared seedbeds. Ryegrass might be added to the seed mixture if quick cover is desired. We have not felt that a moderate amount of traffic was detrimental to the new seeding. Certainly, there is less of a problem with tracks in the seeded area because of the firm soil and little problem with tracking mud when the soil is moist as compared to conventional methods.

With the effective herbicide for vegetation control that has recently become available, renovation of turf areas should be possible with less effort and problems than for systems involving tillage.



Closeup of area after verticutting.



Plugging and debris removal.



Closeup of cored and verticutted area.



Soil after preparation.



Final product.

Fungicide Report

The basis for this report on turf fungicides is simple and to the point. WEEDS TREES & TURF went to the major manufacturers and asked them "what do you have on the market and what can it control?" The checklist we have prepared follows.

Mallinckrodt, Inc., St. Louis, Mo., manufactures a number of fungicides. Cadminate can control dollar spot, gray snow mold, copper spot and red thread. Calo-Clor can control brown patch, dollar spot and snow mold. Calo-Gran can control snow mold. Fungo 50 can control brown patch, dollar spot, copper spot, red thread, Fusarium patch, Fusarium blight and stripe smut. Koban can control Pythium blight, cottony blight, grease spot, spot blight and damping-off. Kromad can control brown patch, dollar spot, red thread, copper spot, Helminthosporium leaf spot and Curvularia leaf spot. Thiramad can control brown patch, dollar spot and snow mold.

Scotts ProTurf, Marysville, Ohio manufactures nine fungicides. Pro-Turf Fertilizer Plus DSB Fungicide can control dollar spot, brown patch and Fusarium patch. ProTurf Broad Spectrum Fungicide can control brown patch, red thread, copper spot, dollar spot, snow mold, leaf spot, Fusarium patch and moss. Pro-Turf Fertilizer Plus Fungicide can control brown patch, red thread, Fusarium patch, snow mold, dollar spot, leaf spot, copper spot and moss. ProTurf 101V Broad Sectrum Fungicide can control Helminthosporium leaf spot, dollar spot, brown patch, copper spot, Curvularia leaf spot, rust, Alternaria leaf spot in dichondra, and Gleosporium in dichondra.

ProTurf Fungicide III can control brown patch, dollar spot, leaf spot, red leaf spot, melting-out, gray

snow mold, copper dichondra and rust.

ProTurf Fungicide II can control *Pythium* blight and gray snow mold. ProTurf FF II can control stripe smut, leaf spot, brown patch on St. Augustine grass, bahiagrass and centipedegrass, rust, snow mold and dollar spot. It is not for use on bentgrass, zoysiagrass and dichondra, and it contains fertilizer.

ProTurf Systemic Fungicide can control brown patch, dollar spot and copper spot. ProTurf California Fertilizer Plus Fungicide can control brown patch, red thread, Fusarium patch, dollar spot, snow mold, leaf spot, copper spot and moss.

TUCO, Division of Upjohn Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., manufactures Acti-dione TGF, Acti-dione Thiram and Acti-dione RZ.

Acti-dione TGF can control dollar spot, melting-out, fading-out, rust, powdery mildew and leaf spot. Acti-dione Thiram can control dollar spot, fading-out, gray leaf spot, Helminthosporium leaf spot, large brown patch, melting-out, pink patch, powdery mildew, rust and snow mold. Acti-dione RZ can control large brown patch, melting-out, rust, dollar spot, fading-out, grease spot, powdery mildew, Helminthosporium leaf spot and gray leaf spot.

Rhodia, Inc., Monmouth Junction, N.J., manufactures three products from its Agricultural Division for control of turf diseases.

Chipco Thiram 75 can control large brown patch, dollar spot and gray snow mold. Chipco Spot Kleen can control dollar spot, copper spot, large brown patch, *Fusarium* blight and stripe smut. Chipco Microgreen Liquid is a blend of iron, zinc, manganese and copper and it corrects turf yellowing, or chlorosis, caused by metal nutrient deficiencies.

Rohm and Haas Co., Philadelphia, manufactures Fore for turf and ornamentals. It can control 10 turf diseases, including copper spot, Fusarium blight, red thread, slime mold, Helminthosporium meltingout, Rhizoctonia brown patch, rust, Pythium, dollar spot, Fusarium snow mold and algae.

W. A. Cleary Corp., Somerset, N.J., manufactures nine fungicides.

3336 Systemic Turf Fungicide can control dollar spot, copper spot, brown patch, red thread, *Helminthosporium*, *Fusarium roseum*, and stripe smut.

Bromasan is a blend of 3336 and thiram and can control *Rhizoctonia* and *Helminthosporium* and can give excellent control of dollar spot and copper spot.

Caddy can control dollar spot and copper spot. It has also been successful in controlling snow mold, the company reports.

Granular Turf Fungicide can control snow mold, copper spot, dollar spot, leaf spot and brown patch.

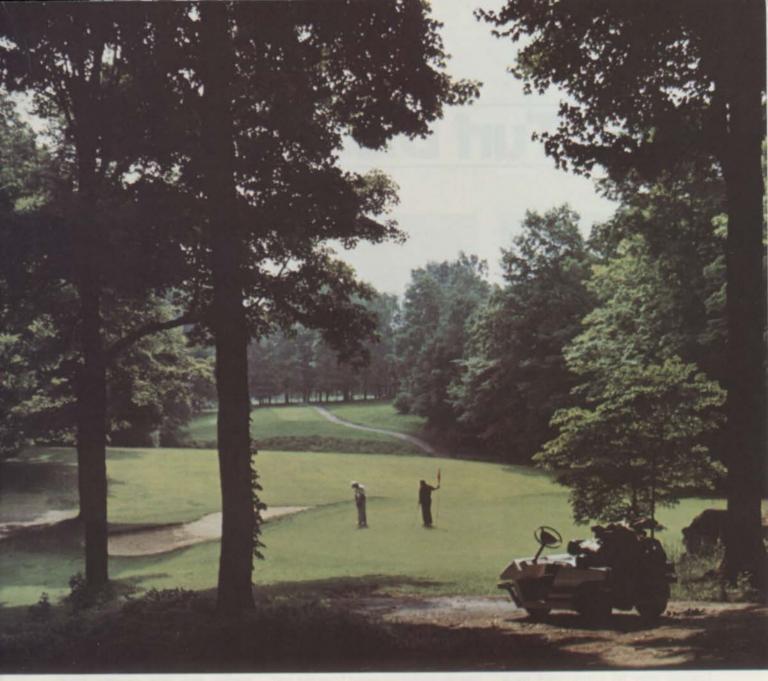
PMAS (10&%) is a dual purpose herbicide/fungicide that can control dollar spot, snow mold, copper spot and brown patch. CadTrete can prevent and control dollar spot, copper spot, snow mold, brown patch and *Helminthosporium*.

Spotrete is a wettable powder fungicide that can control dollar spot, brown patch, large brown patch and snow mold.

Spectro can control dollar spot, copper spot, brown patch and leaf spot. Sno-Chek can control snow mold.

Diamond Shamrock Corp., Cleveland manufactures Daconil 2787. It can control copper spot, dollar spot, brown patch, leaf spot,

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Nine Turf Diseases



Curvularia leaf spot: Frequently, new growth at the tips remains green. Older leaves become chlorotic; eventually they turn brown and die. Susceptible grasses — centipedegrass, zoysiagrass and bermudagrass.



Brown patch: Occurs in more or less circular areas varying from a few inches to several feet in diameter. Affected leaf blades first appear water-soaked and dark-colored, then wilt and become light brown as tissue dies.



Copper spot and dollar spot: With copper spot, spots first appear as small red to brown water-soaked lesions becoming strawcolored with purple borders and elongated. Diseased leaf blades usually covered with copper-colored fungus spores.



Stem rust: Small, elongated brickred pustules of spores on leaves. Lesions may be surrounded by a green, yellow or brown border depending on age of pustule and susceptibility of the grass.



Dollar spot: Lesions are light tan with a reddish brown border and may extend downward from the leaf tip to an inch or more in length. Stems may also be affected. In early morning, when grass is wet, wisps of white fungus *mycelium* or threads may be observed on diseased turf.



Red thread: Coral-pink to red fungus strands may be seen on leaves and leaf sheaths binding leaves together. Affected turf areas are more or less circular and vary from two to 15 inches in diameter. When dry, the pink strands resemble red threads.

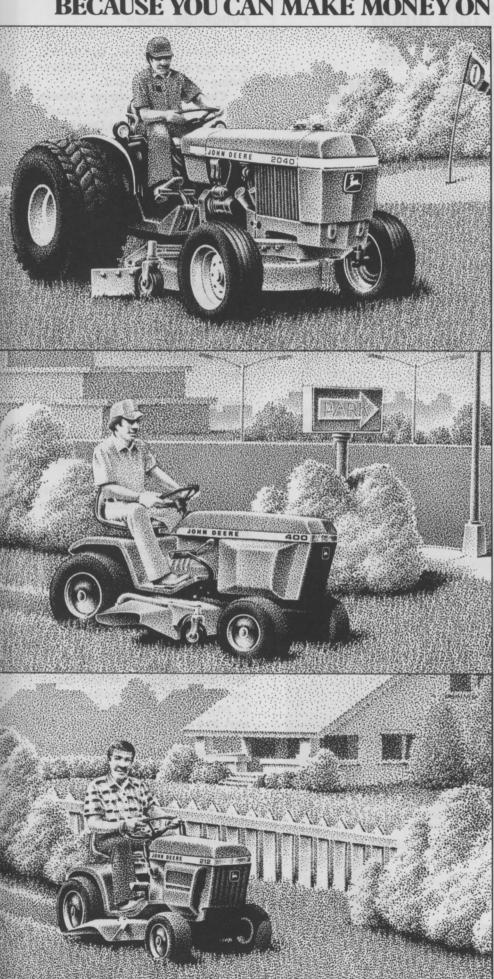


Helminthosporium leaf spot: Symptoms include general thinning out of grass in scattered areas. Often, general browning is evident on affected plants. Circular to elongated purplish, brown to dark brown, or reddish brown spots with white, tan brown or straw-colored centers on leaf blades, sheaths and stems

Gray leaf spot: Lesions are round to oval, gray with brown or purple borders on leaf blades. Under warm, humid conditions, spots may be covered with gray mold. Lesions on stem are gray to brown.



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melting-out, going-out, leaf blotch, gray leaf spot, stem rust, *Curvularia* fading-out and leaf spot.

Chemagro Agricultural Division of Mobay Chemical Corp., Kansas City, Mo. manufactures Dyrene and Dexon.

Dyrene can control brown patch, copper spot, dollar spot, leaf spot, melting-out, rust and snow mold. Dexon can control cottony blight.

Du Pont Co., Wilmington, Del. manufactures Tersan 75, Tersan 1991, Tersan LSR and Tersan SP. Tersan 75 can prevent and control large brown patch, dollar spot and snow mold.

Tersan 1991 is recommended for control of dollar spot, large brown patch, *Fusarium* patch (pink snow mold), *Fusarium* blight and stripe smut.

Tersan LSR is recommended for control of leaf spot diseases incited by *Helminthosporium spp.*, rust, and *Rhizoctonia* brown patch on turf. Tersan SP is recommended for control of snow mold and *Pythium* blight.

Stauffer Chemical Co., Westport, Conn., manufactures Captan 50-WP. It can control brown patch, damping-off, leaf spot, fungus root rot and melting-out.

The Agricultural Products Division of **Olin Corp.**, Little Rock, Ark manufactures Terrazole soil fungicide and Turfcide 10 percent granular fungicide.

Turfcide can control brown patch. Terrazole controls *Pythium* fungus that cause cottony blight, spot blight, grease spot and damping-off on turf; and *Pythium* as well as phytophthora fungi which cause root and stem rot and damping-off on ornamentals.

Elanco Products Co., Indianapolis, has received an experimental permit for turf for its EL-222. It is not on the market.

Market planning manager of specialty products Dan Lynch told WEEDS TREES & TURF it is formulated as a wettable powder and as an emulsifiable concentrate for turf use. He said tests have shown that it can control dollar spot, brown patch, striped smut, Fusarium blight and snow mold.

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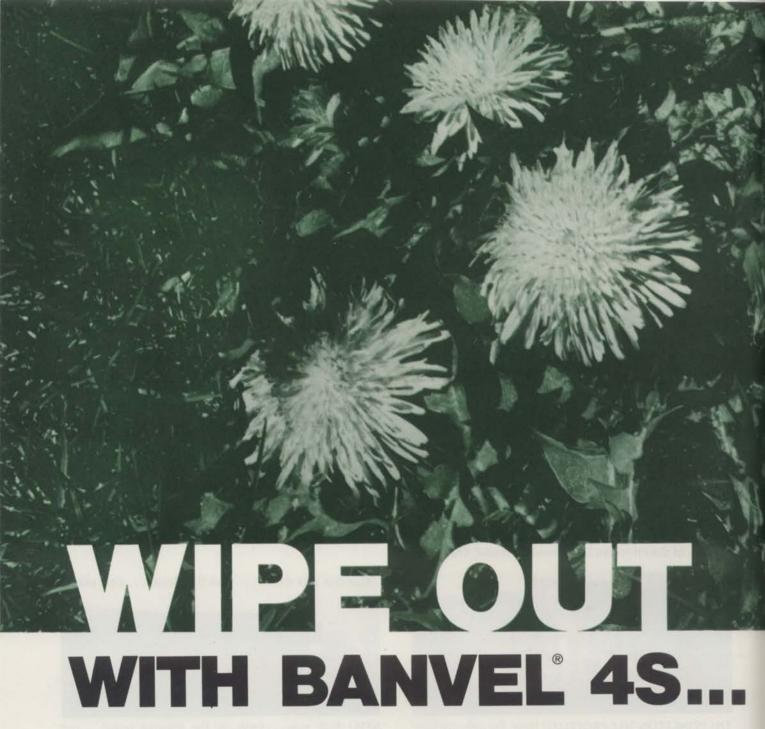


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