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Stay Alert for Turf Disease This Fall

October may be here, but warm temperatures and humid conditions can stick around well into the fall.

Add rainfall, irrigation, heavy morning dew, and longer periods of leaf wetness, and conditions can become favorable for fungal diseases in warm-season turf.

This time of year, you may begin to notice areas of your turf that look yellow, brown, thin, or generally unhealthy. While it can be easy to assume these areas simply need more water, discoloration can sometimes be a sign of something else entirely.

What Should You Look For?

Fungal diseases can appear differently depending on the type of turf, environmental conditions, and the specific disease present. **Some common warning signs include:**

- Circular or irregular patches of yellow or brown turf
- Areas that appear thin or weak
- Orange, yellow, or brown discoloration of individual grass blades

Properties of the Month: OCTOBER

Glynn County Public Works
Golden Isles



Fiddlers Crossing
Savannah



Allison Memorial Chapel
Kingsland



*Each Property of the Month
is selected by the Branch
Manager according to
the crew's monthly
Quality Control report.*

- Patches that continue to expand over time
- Turf that appears stressed despite receiving adequate water

One disease to be especially aware of during the fall is Large Patch, a fungal disease that can affect several of the warm-season grasses commonly found throughout our region, including centipede, St. Augustine, zoysia, and Bermuda grass.

Large Patch often begins appearing as temperatures start to moderate while moisture remains plentiful. Affected areas can develop yellow, orange, or brown patches that may expand significantly if conditions remain favorable for the disease.

Why Is Fungus Showing Up Now?

Fungal disease isn't necessarily an indication that something suddenly went wrong with your landscape. Disease development is often the result of several environmental factors coming together at the right time.

Warm temperatures combined with prolonged moisture create particularly favorable conditions for many turf diseases. Heavy rainfall, frequent irrigation, morning dew, high humidity, poor drainage, and shaded areas can all cause turf to remain wet for extended periods.

How and when a property is irrigated can also make a difference. Watering later in the day or at night can extend the amount of time grass blades remain wet. When natural dew, humidity, and rainfall are already providing plenty of moisture, unnecessary irrigation can compound the problem.

This is why simply adding more water isn't always the right response when turf begins turning brown.

Brown Grass Doesn't Always Mean Dry Grass

When you see a brown or yellow area developing in your turf, the natural reaction may be to think, "It needs more water."

However, drought stress, insect damage, fungal disease, irrigation issues, and other turf problems can sometimes produce similar symptoms. If fungal disease is the culprit, increasing irrigation could actually create conditions that allow the problem to continue.

Correctly identifying why the turf is struggling is an important first step before deciding how to address it.

What Can Be Done Now?

Once fungal activity is suspected, the first step is to evaluate the affected turf and the conditions surrounding it. That may include looking at irrigation schedules and coverage, drainage, recent rainfall, shade, turf type, fertilization practices, and the pattern of the affected area.

Depending on the disease and severity, management may include:

- Adjusting irrigation frequency or timing
- Correcting areas of excessive moisture or poor drainage



Team Members of the Month: OCTOBER

Gabriel Hernandez Garcia
Golden Isles



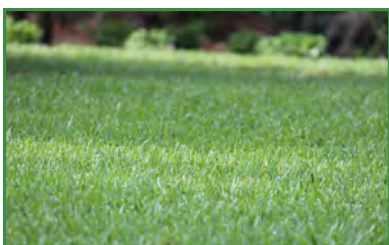
Vance Rowe
Savannah



Hunter McGuirt
Kingsland



These team members display our core values (Responsive, Ownership, Observant, Trusted, Skillful) in all that they do while working, have excellent attendance, and are constantly trying to improve themselves.



- Limiting practices that encourage prolonged leaf wetness
- Adjusting mowing or fertility practices when appropriate
- Applying a properly selected fungicide when treatment is warranted
- Continuing to monitor affected areas for changes

Fungicides can be an important tool, but they are only one part of managing turf disease. Identifying and addressing the conditions contributing to the problem can help improve the effectiveness of treatment and reduce continued disease pressure.



Can Turf Fungus Be Prevented?

There is no way to completely eliminate the possibility of fungal disease.

After all, we can't control the weather. But good cultural practices can help create healthier turf that is better equipped to withstand disease pressure.

Looking ahead to next year, proactive management may include maintaining appropriate irrigation schedules, promoting good drainage, mowing at the proper height, managing thatch, avoiding unnecessary moisture, and following appropriate fertilization practices.

Properties with a history of recurring fungal problems may also benefit from a preventative fungicide program. Preventative treatments are applied before significant symptoms develop, particularly when environmental conditions are becoming favorable for a known disease.

The key is timing. Once turf has already suffered significant damage, the focus shifts from prevention to controlling the disease and helping the turf recover.

A Proactive Approach to Turf Health

A healthy landscape requires more than reacting when something turns brown.

It means paying attention to changing conditions, recognizing early warning signs, and understanding what the landscape needs throughout the year.

Our Coastal Greenery teams are continually monitoring the properties we manage for changes in turf and plant health. When we identify an area of concern, our goal is to determine what is causing the problem and recommend the appropriate course of action.

As we move through October, keep an eye on your turf. If you notice new brown or yellow patches, thinning areas, or other unexpected changes, don't automatically assume your landscape needs more water. There may be more happening beneath the surface.

A Note from JJ: *Looking For People to Grow With Us!*

Fall is arriving across the coastal communities we serve, and with a new season comes something I have always believed in—**opportunity to grow.**

At Coastal Greenery, we don't just grow landscapes—we **grow people.**

As we expand, we're creating career opportunities for passionate individuals in **horticulture, landscaping, accounting, sales, HR, mechanics, operations, and more.**

We're looking for people who take pride in their work, enjoy serving others, embrace learning, and want to build a meaningful career.

Our vision is **"To Grow Leaders and Landscapes in the Communities We Serve."** That means investing in people and helping them reach their potential.

This month, I'm asking our clients and friends one simple question: **Who do you know?**

A family member, colleague, recent graduate, or someone ready for a new opportunity? We'd love to meet them.

Thank you for supporting our team and the communities we serve.

Let's keep growing—people, careers, relationships, and beautiful landscapes!

Jeffrey Johns, President, Coastal Greenery Landscaping



Your Licensed Professionals Deliver Value.

As in any profession, it's important that we know our job. With hundreds of plant varieties, insects and diseases, professional knowledge means more professional results. You may not realize that most professional lawn technicians and applicators must meet special training and testing requirements from the EPA and state in order to be licensed or certified to work with your lawn or landscape. Then, for certification to be maintained, on-going education and training must continue every year.

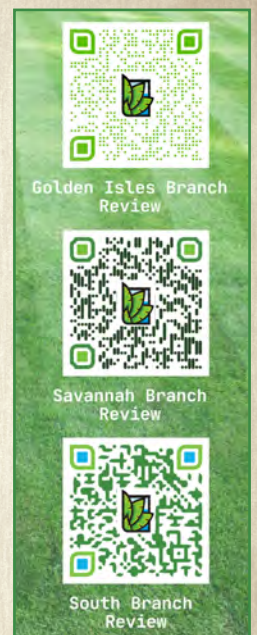
Before we work on your lawn, you can be sure we not only know what we're doing, but how to do it best.

This means better results and fewer problems for you when you employ only carefully trained and certified professionals to work on your lawn and landscape.

Count on us for care that's our professional best... for you and for the earth we all share!

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