

# Anthracnose Treatment Guide

## Learn How to Get Rid of Anthracnose Lawn Disease

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### OVERVIEW

Timing Is Key

#### Video Instructions



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5DmyunQQI0>

Treating for anthracnose is much like any fungal turf disease, but it is important to understand when and how to treat for this turf fungus.

### STEP 1 Kill Anthracnose Before It Starts

Anthracnose can be difficult to get rid of once it takes hold of your lawn, so applying a fungicide as a preventative application will give you much more success.

- Timing is important, so apply a product labeled for anthracnose before spores are able to germinate, usually early spring. Many products are formulated to work in the very early stages of the disease cycle. You can contact your local extension office to get a more accurate timing for your area.
- If you've seen anthracnose in your lawn in previous years, focus application on those areas.

#### Products needed for Step 1



### STEP 2 Act Fast, Rotate, and Re-Apply Fungicides

Controlling and getting rid of anthracnose can be difficult once it has taken hold in your turf, so if you begin to see the symptoms of anthracnose, begin to treat immediately.

- You can attempt to control anthracnose with a fungicide that has been specifically formulated for it.
- Applying a fungicide to other areas in your lawn can help to prevent the spread of the disease.
- Make sure to rotate the fungicide products you are using, with active ingredients that fall into different classifications. This is to ensure the fungus in your turf does not become resistant to the products, leaving you with an incurable turf disease.
- You may have to re-apply fungicides a few times to provide continuous control of anthracnose. Retreat if you begin to see symptoms again, but make sure you read the label of your fungicide carefully and follow application guidelines.
- Keep in mind that if you cannot seem to get rid of the active anthracnose, you can start a preventative application the following spring to prevent it from coming back.

#### Anthracnose Treatment Infographic

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## Signs of Anthracnose

Anthracnose causes irregularly shaped patches that are yellow to brown in color. Leaf lesions that are yellow with black centers may also occur. Anthracnose also causes stem rot, where infected shoots are easily detached.



**Anthracnose Growing Conditions:**  
Cool, wet weather (Spring)



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### Treatment

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**Kill anthracnose before it starts**

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Anthracnose is difficult to control once it takes hold of your lawn. A preventative fungicide application will give you more success.

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**Act fast, rotate, and re-apply fungicides**

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Use fungicides that are specifically labeled for treating Anthracnose.

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Apply the product(s) in other areas of your lawn to prevent the disease from spreading.

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Make sure to rotate the fungicides you are using, with active ingredients that fall into different classifications.

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You may need to re-apply fungicides a few times to provide continuous control of Anthracnose. Make sure to read the product label when treating and re-treating.

Tip

Focus on areas of your lawn where you've seen anthracnose in the past. If you're unsuccessful at killing the anthracnose this year, you can always start a preventative application the following Spring to prevent it from coming back.



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