

# Sod Webworm Treatment Guide

## How to Get Rid of & Control Sod Webworms (Lawn Moths)

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### OVERVIEW

#### Treatment Options

Sod webworms can cause significant damage, but they're not particularly difficult to control, especially if you begin your control efforts soon after the sod webworms have hatched. Sod webworms respond to non-chemical control and chemical control.

#### Non-Chemical Control



Products that contain [Bacillus thuringiensis B.t.](#) and [spinosad](#), which are certain types of bacteria, are great options for controlling sod webworms. It's a reduced risk option, generally safe to use, especially around kids and pets.

- It is most effective on the smaller worms, so early inspection and identification is important if you choose B.t. as a form of control.
- There are different strains of B.t., so ensure you choose one formulated for control of sod webworms.
- Read the label carefully and follow all instructions to ensure successful control. Watering grass thoroughly before application can help effectiveness.

[Beneficial nematodes](#) are also a non-chemical control method available for control of sod webworms. If you choose this type of non-chemical control, keep in mind that nematodes are living things, and should be used shortly after purchase. There are different types of nematodes, so choose those that will control sod webworms.



#### Chemical Control

#### Video Instructions



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

Chemical controls can be very effective on sod webworms. Synthetic pyrethroids are common [products to use on sod webworms](#), and there are a few things to keep in mind when treating for these lawn pests.

- Apply the product late in the day, since these pests are active at night.
- Water your turf thoroughly a few days before application, which will help bring worms to the surface.
- If the product label allows, mow before application to remove any excess turf that will impede product penetration.
- Always follow label directions carefully for the safest and more effective control.



## Sod Webworm Treatment Infographic

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#### Signs of Sod Webworms

Sod webworms begin feeding on grass as soon as they hatch. Feeding damage begins with the worms skeletonizing grass blades (eating the soft tissue in between veins), and eventually they'll clip off entire grass blades at the crown. Brown patches will form, growing in size as the worms continue to feed and develop.

#### Sod Webworm Conditions:

Two generations of sod webworms are born in a year. The ones born in spring will cause the most noticeable damage, especially in July and August.

#### Treatment

**Detailed Treatment Guide:**  
Detailed guide with How-to Videos and other things you'll need for getting rid of Sod Webworms.

- #### 1 Apply non-chemical control products

One option is to use bacteria insecticides containing bacillus thuringiensis or spinosad as these work well against this pest, and are reduced risk and generally safe around children and pets. Make sure to choose a product specifically formulated to work against sod webworms.
- #### 2 Apply chemical products

Products with synthetic pyrethroids are common products used against sod webworms.

**Tip** If you're not sure if you have sod webworms in your soil, flushing your soil with solution made of two tablespoons of detergent, diluted in two gallons of water, and applied in a suspicious area of your lawn will draw worms to the surface.

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