

## Grub activity



The first question most people ask is why do I have grubs when I have a lawn program? The simple answer is that a thick healthy lawn with lots of roots is the ideal spot for a beetle to lay eggs.

Beetles are attracted to healthy lawns where the turf root systems are abundant and filled with nutrients. They lay eggs in the lawn and when the eggs grow into the grub stage they begin to feed on your lawns root system.

If a grub preventative has been applied to your lawn in June thru August, your lawns roots will contain a product that once ingested will stop the grub feeding before any visible damage occurs.

There are a few important factors to remember when relying on the grub preventative to protect your lawn. The first is, in order for it to be effective it must be watered in once it's applied to your lawn. June through August are generally dry summer months and you may not have an irrigation system, but watering with a hose or sprinkler will be enough to water the control into your soil.

The second important thing to remember is that just because you see mole activity or animals digging, it doesn't always mean that grubs are present. Animals will dig because they're hungry. Moles, Skunks, and Raccoons all eat a variety of worms, insects, and grubs. Just because you have animals digging, it does not mean you have a grub problem. They will dig in search of food and return to places where they've found food in the past.

If grub damage does occur, watering the areas will help your lawn re-root and recover.