



LawnWorks Lawn Care Shares Expert Lawn Disease Prevention Strategies for Illinois Properties

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LawnWorks Lawn Care, a family-owned company serving southwestern Illinois suburbs since 1988, recently shared comprehensive guidance on preventing and managing lawn diseases that commonly affect Illinois properties. Company owner Josh Cull provided detailed insights during a recent interview about the most effective approaches to maintaining healthy lawns throughout the challenging Midwest climate conditions.

The timing of this educational initiative comes as many Illinois homeowners face increasing challenges with lawn diseases due to fluctuating weather patterns and moisture levels. Cull emphasized that most lawn diseases stem from three primary factors: incorrect watering practices, dull mower blades, and poor thatch management.

"Many of lawn diseases we encounter are mostly preventable through proper maintenance practices," said Josh Cull, owner of LawnWorks Lawn Care. "Deep and infrequent watering in the early morning hours, combined with sharp mower blades and appropriate mowing heights, can dramatically reduce disease

susceptibility. We train our technicians to identify early warning signs and educate customers about these fundamental prevention strategies."

LawnWorks disease control services encompass both prevention education and targeted treatment when necessary. The company's approach prioritizes correcting underlying maintenance issues before considering fungicide applications. This methodology reflects current industry best practices that emphasize sustainable lawn health management over reactive chemical treatments.

The comprehensive disease management program addresses common Illinois lawn ailments including dollar spot, red thread, leaf spot, and brown patch. Each condition requires specific environmental conditions to develop, making proper cultural practices essential for prevention. The company's technicians receive ongoing training to identify disease symptoms early and recommend appropriate corrective measures.

Water management stands as the cornerstone of disease prevention. Excessive moisture creates ideal conditions for fungal growth, while drought stress weakens turf and increases vulnerability to pathogens. The company recommends watering deeply but infrequently, targeting early morning hours over evening watering. This reduces the amount of time you have moisture on the leaf surface, which reduces the chances of disease development.

Proper mowing practices significantly impact disease resistance. Dull mower blades tear grass rather than cutting cleanly, creating entry points for pathogens. Additionally, maintaining appropriate mowing heights for specific grass varieties helps maintain vigor and natural disease resistance. The company advises maintaining a mowing height of at least 3" and not removing more than one-third of the grass blade length in a single mowing.

Thatch management represents another critical component of disease prevention. Excessive thatch creates a humid microenvironment that favors disease development while impeding water and nutrient penetration to root zones. Regular aeration helps maintain optimal thatch levels and improve overall turf health.

For properties experiencing chronic disease issues, the company often recommends overseeding with newer turf varieties bred for enhanced disease resistance. These improved cultivars offer superior performance under Illinois conditions while reducing the need for chemical interventions.

LawnWorks Lawn Care provides comprehensive lawn care services throughout Illinois, including Aurora, Bolingbrook, Joliet, Naperville, and surrounding communities. The company offers fertilization, weed control, aeration, pest management, and specialized disease control programs tailored to local conditions. Their team

combines technical expertise with personalized service to help property owners maintain healthy, attractive lawns year-round.

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