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LAWN ARMY WORMS ARE DESTROYING LAWNS IN YOUR STREET



This 'Lawn Army Worm Alert' has been provided to you as a courtesy to inform you that lawns in this area are currently being affected by the destructive 'Lawn Army Worm', 'Cutworm', or 'Sod Web Worm' larvae.

Army Worms love Healthy Lawns

Typically army worms are attracted to the healthiest and thickest lawns giving their offspring the very best chance of survival. They exhaust the food supply provided by one lawn and then move on to the next, sometimes devastating whole streets or suburbs.

The larvae spends the winter in the soil. The webworms transform into pupae and then moths in spring. These moths can be seen flying just above the grass at dusk, but it's not the moths that do the damage. The moth larvae systematically eat the healthy grass the way termites eat wood leaving patches of yellowing lawn with noticeably less leaf growth in their wake.

Evidence of an infestation

There are tell tale signs of an infestation: white moths flying over the lawn at dusk, small white egg sacs that may be attached to your eaves, trees or guttering and patches of yellowing or thinning lawn. To be sure though prise apart random patches of your lawn and

inspect the thatch layer. If you find little brownish-green droppings - or worse still - brownish-green caterpillars then you have been affected.

Controlling the attack

It's recommended that you work together as a community to try and eradicate this infestation. There is no guarantee that any lawn in any street is safe so it's best to treat every lawn regularly with a suitable pest control product - 2 to 3 applications over the course of a week are recommended. Your local nursery will have products to treat these critters, but it's important to double check the label and make sure it specifically states 'Treats Army Worms'. **Lawnstore.com.au** now stocks **Lawn Lovers Grub Guard**, which is the only product available that actually works as a preventative treatment.

Following an attack

Be warned, an untreated infestation can spread through a neighbourhood in a matter of days. Some lawn varieties such as kikuyu or couch can be totally devastated by a lawn grub attack. But if you have a self repairing variety such as Sir Walter Soft Leaf Buffalo a good dose of fertiliser watered well into the root base will have your lawn back to its former glory in no time.



Lawn Lovers Grub Guard a preventative and effective treatment against Army Worm is available from:
lawnstore.com.au

Also available:
Sir Walter Fertiliser and other lawn care products.

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