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Crabgrass

(India crabgrass, blanket crabgrass, southern crabgrass, tropical crabgrass, and smooth crabgrass)

Description:

Crabgrass is a grass-like weed that generally forms in mats during the warm weather growing season in areas of the lawn where the turf grass is not as thick. Crabgrass will die off quickly as the weather cools but will most likely return during the next growing season.

Damage:

Areas of the lawn that are weak will quickly be taken over by crabgrass during the warm growing season. Once established, crabgrass is very difficult to remove and it will overrun turf grass that is not properly maintained.

What will Turf Science do?

Turf Science employs pre-emergent products that will help block the initial growth of crabgrass. Once the crabgrass has started growing there are no commercially available products that will suppress it without damaging the turf grass due to the biological nature of the weed.

What can I do as a homeowner?

Proper lawn maintenance is extremely important to prevent the proliferation of crabgrass. The lawn must be mowed often and always at the proper height for the type of turf grass and when weeds are present the clipping should be removed to prevent the spread of the weeds and the seeds from the weeds. Lawns that are thick and strong due to proper mowing and irrigation techniques help block the growth of many types of weeds.

