

# 5 COMMON LAWN PROBLEMS

AND HOW YOU CAN FIX THEM YOURSELF!



## **DOG SPOTS**

#### Early signs

You'll start to notice little spots on your lawn. Slowly, the grass starts to turn brown. Basically, dog urine contains nitrogen and a high amount of it is not good for your grass. Notice if your dog is going to the bathroom at the same spot every time. As this would increase nitrogen in the same spot.

#### What happens if you leave it?

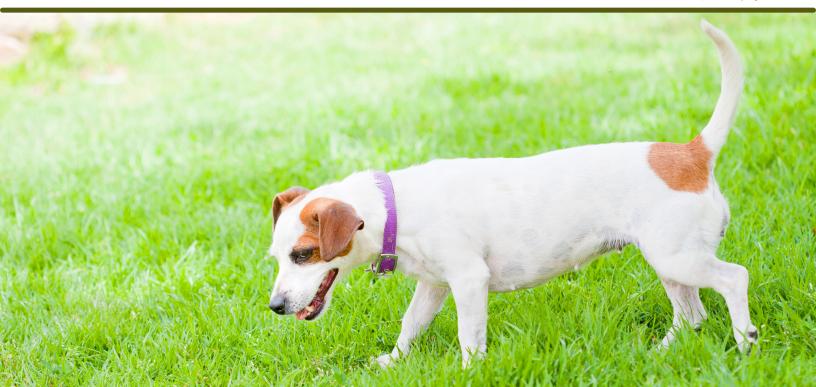
If you leave it unattended, the high amount of nitrogen will eventually kill your grass. Which means, it opens the doors for weeds to grow. If you don't do anything then it'll kill the grass.

#### What YOU can do?

The easiest solution for you is to water the lawn at the same spot after the dog goes to the bathroom. There are some products you can get which gets rid of the smell but doesn't treat the grass. If your grass has died, plant new grass seeds and water it thoroughly. Lastly, you can install a dog run or have a landscape solution which dedicates a bathroom space for your dog.



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# **WEED CONTROL**

#### Early signs

An early sign of a weed infestation is when you start noticing anything except that isn't grass. You'll notice dandelions or crabgrass as they are the most common.

#### What happens if you leave it?

Weeds are more resilient than grass. If you ignore them, they can survive in harsh weather and eventually take over your lawn.

#### What YOU can do?

The best solution for you is to pull the weeds out by hand. And make sure the roots are out. Next, you can use Weed B Gon. You can get it from Canadian Tire or Home Depot. However, a couple of points to keep in mind are:

- Off-the-shelf products are not very effective and you can't apply good products due to regulations. You'll need a licensed professional to apply them for you
- Don't apply any weed control when the temperature is over 30°C as it can potentially harm your grass!



# **BALD OR BARE SPOTS**

#### Early signs

If your grass is starting to get thin then it's an indication that bald spots may start to pop up.

#### What happens if you leave it?

You'll open doors for weed growth. If you leave the bald spots for too long then airborne dandelion seeds can land and germinate.

#### What YOU can do?

You can easily take care of it by putting some new grass seeds on those spots. Make sure you water the lawn a lot. As a side note, it's always a good idea to reseed your lawn once a year. It'll help keep weeds away from your lawn. Your lawn has a life cycle and it's good to introduce new grass seed every 1-2 years.



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# **SNOW MOLD**

#### Early signs

You'll see a layer that looks dusty when the snow starts to melt.

#### What happens if you leave it?

Your lawn can start forming diseases. It'll take long for your lawn to spruce up.

#### What YOU can do?

A good spring cleanup can help you not only get rid of snow mold but also dead grass and leaves. This will allow your lawn to breath and start to grow up again. You can do it yourself by aggressively raking your lawn, cutting the grass, and watering it. You can also rent a power rake from Home Depot for less than \$100 a day and do the spring cleanup yourself.



# **DROUGHT**

#### Early signs

You'll start to notice that your grass starts to turn brown. It looks like it's dying off. This usually happens during the month of August when the temperatures are very hot in Winnipeg.

#### What happens if you leave it?

You're opening doors for weeds to grow. They can grow when there's no rain and eventually outperform the grass.

#### What YOU can do?

You can water the lawn and it'll green up in no time. I suggest watering it first thing in the morning around 7-8am before it gets too hot. You should put in an inch of water a week in all areas of your lawn. But if you don't want to water everyday then 30 minutes to 1 hour of watering every 4-5 days will keep your grass in good shape! If you find it difficult to water then leave the grass longer instead of cutting it short. It'll survive the hot weather better if it's left 3-3.5 inches long.



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# 3 BONUS TIPS

# THAT GET RID OF 80-90% OF YOUR LAWN PROBLEMS

We've seen people spending money <u>unnecessarily</u> when they can avoid these problems. Basically, following these 3 simple tips will ensure a healthy lawn.

- Reseed your lawn every 1-2 years
- Water and cut your lawn regularly
- Apply fertilizer 3-4 times a year.

  A good schedule to follow is early spring, late spring, late summer, and fall

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