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The Invasion of The Armyworms



Active armyworms



Armyworm Damage

Armyworms have begun marching to the beat of their own drum and munching their way through yards in South Carolina. We have already noticed them invading quite a few of our customer's properties.

Be proactive

Armyworms start coming out and destroying turfgrasses in late summer and they move rapidly on their path of destruction. In as little as a couple hours, they can turn your luscious green lawn into a brown wasteland.



Some fun facts about armyworms...

- No lawn is immune; however, armyworms tend to favor Tall Fescue and new lawns of all types (from sod to seed) because there is plenty of water, plus new growth is tender and juicy.
- You can visibly see the eggs laid by the adult moths. (See pic below.) They lay them in areas near food sources, often on grass blades, fenceposts, house siding, etc. We have even seen them on electrical boxes and on the doors of vehicles, too.
- The entire life cycle of an armyworm can be completed in as little as one month.
- You can perform a home test to see if you have armyworms present in your yard. Here is how.... Mix 1-2 tablespoons of Dawn dish detergent in 1-2 gallons of water and mix until suds appear. Slowly pour the mixture over a 1 square yard section of healthy turfgrass directly next to damaged areas. If you have armyworms, you will see them emerging within 10 minutes of pouring.
- Moths are primarily gray in color with white markings and normally have a drop-shaped mark in the middle of the forewing. Larval stages vary from green and yellow to brown and gray. They have a distinct characteristic among them, the presence of a yellow to white upside-down “Y” shape on the head. Egg masses are creamy in color and normally have a furry or moldy appearance, with eggs darkening over time. Look for black dot like clusters on the siding, metal and vehicles.
- We can apply a preventative before the damage is done. Don't delay, call us today for either a treatment or preventative!

