

Brown Spots in Your Florida Lawn?



A QUICK HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST TO HELP YOU SPOT THE CLUES

Brown grass doesn't always mean your lawn needs more water. In Florida, brown or thinning areas can be caused by lawn pests, disease, irrigation problems, or environmental stress.

Use this quick checklist to take a closer look at what your lawn may be telling you.



Check the Pattern

- ❑ The brown area is getting larger
- ❑ Grass turns yellow before it turns brown
- ❑ Damage is concentrated in sunny areas
- ❑ Brown spots appear near driveways or sidewalks
- ❑ The damage follows one irrigation zone
- ❑ Patches are circular or expanding



Look at the Grass

- ❑ Blades look ragged or chewed
- ❑ Turf looks thin or closely clipped
- ❑ Grass looks dry even though it's receiving water
- ❑ The edge of the damaged area is yellowing

Ragged or chewed blades may point to turf-feeding caterpillars such as sod webworms.



Check Below the Surface

- ❑ Turf pulls up unusually easily
- ❑ Roots look weak or damaged
- ❑ Soil appears disturbed or tunneled

Root-feeding pests such as white grubs, along with mole cricket activity, can damage turf from below.



Have St. Augustine Grass

Chinch bugs may be worth a closer look if you notice:

- ❑ Yellow or brown patches that spread
- ❑ Damage in hot, sunny areas
- ❑ Problems near pavement
- ❑ Grass that looks drought-stressed despite watering



Don't Forget Watering & Lawn Stress

Also check for:

- ❑ Uneven sprinkler coverage
- ❑ Standing water or poor drainage
- ❑ Very dry soil
- ❑ Heavy rain or prolonged heat
- ❑ Mowing stress
- ❑ Soil compaction
- ❑ Signs of turf disease



Watch for Lethal Viral Necrosis

Lethal Viral Necrosis (LVN) affects St. Augustine grass and can become more noticeable during cooler weather as turf growth slows.

Watch for:

- Light and dark green mottling
- Yellowing turf
- Expanding brown or declining areas

LVN can resemble other lawn problems, so professional identification is important before adding water, fertilizer, or treatment.

Not Sure What Your Lawn Is Telling You?

Turner can help identify what might be affecting your lawn and recommend the right treatment.

Schedule your free inspection with Turner Pest Control today.



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