

# Common Lawn Pests



**Sod Webworm**  
*Crambus spp. Lepidoptera*

**Problem:** From mid-May to October, the grass turns brown in small saucer shaped patches in the hottest, driest parts of the lawn. These spots may develop into large irregular shaped dead patches.

**Description:** Adult webworms are tiny moths that flit about the lawn and drop eggs into the grass as they fly. The eggs hatch and the larvae feed on the grass during the night and cloudy days. They live in small silk lined tubes that can sometimes be observed in the thatch layer of the lawn.

**Solutions:** Most healthy lawns can withstand a small webworm infestation without thinning or developing brown spots. In this case, let the birds feed on the larvae in the lawn. For large scale infestations with lots of grass kill, we recommend **Bayer Complete**. **Complete** is more effective than other lawn insecticides because it not only kills surface insects in 24 hours, but it also controls soil insects for up to 3 months. **Bayer Complete** is effective on most common lawn bugs including sod webworms, ants, fleas, ticks and more



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**Clover Mite**  
*Bryobia praetiosa*

**Problem:** During the early growing season (February – May), light brown, irregular dead patches appear near building foundations. Most damage occurs within 10 ft. of a building. Grass has small, meandering silver streaks on its leaves.

**Description:** Clover mites are tiny spider mites, smaller than the head of a pin. They feed and reproduce on clovers, grass and other plants. The mites lay eggs in the summer and fall. The young feed on the lawn then migrate into homes during the fall.

**Solutions:** Give warm, dry areas near the house extra water to deter mites. Spot treat problem areas in lawn with **Bayer 3-In-1 Insect, Disease and Mite**. This is one of the only products to lists spider mites among the insects controlled. It will also protect against fungal diseases. To prevent mite migration into the home, apply a barrier of **Bayer Home Pest** around the foundation in early fall.



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