

Red Thread

BACKGROUND

- Red Thread occurs mostly on turf where there is a low soil nitrogen level.
- However, there are cases of nutrient independent Red Thread attacks.
- Light brown spots can be seen on turf, which have a reddish appearance.
- Red mycelial growth extends out from lesions in leaf.
- Compacted soils or conditions where poor rooting is likely, can increase disease occurrence.

APPROACH

1. Red thread is an indicator of low nutrition, especially nitrogen.
2. The first approach should be to prevent this situation arising by applying adequate nitrogen fertilizer as part of a programmed approach.
3. Apply the correct fertilizer according to turf situation and height of cut.
4. Aerate soil to encourage good root growth.
5. Select resistance grass cultivars.
6. Use fungicides as part of an IPM programme and be aware of causing resistance to one chemical group by its regular use.



i-TURF SOLUTIONS

Product type	Why	Scotts solution
Fertilizers	Ensure healthy turf growth with correct nutrition.	Any from Scotts range
Approved fungicide	Use fungicide as part of an integrated programme.	Daconil Weather Stik