

Mowing Damage Fact Sheet



Symptoms and signs

During the summer, areas of a lawn may become stressed due to lack of water. These areas appear to be brown or white in color. Mowing the injured turf during this stage may cause permanent damage to the lawn. The excessive heat from the mower along with mowing during high heat would be major contributors to causing the permanent damage.

Recover & Cultural control

Efforts to water the injured area(s) deeply, may help the area to recover from the stress. This should be performed daily for at least 45-60 minutes a day for at least a week. Do not mow the injured turf until the area appears green and healthy again. If the area is not greening up after about a week or two, then the area may have permanent damage.

Chemical control

A light application of fertilizer may help the area(s) to recover if the "lack of water" is no longer an issue. However, the area must be getting a sufficient amount of water before fertilizer can be applied.