

ARMYWORM ALERT

Treasure Valley Turfgrass Update

We are hearing reports of unusually high armyworm activity in the Eagle and Star area, as well as in other parts of the Treasure Valley. Caterpillars have been found in both newly installed sod and established lawns. We carefully inspected our sod fields along with Dr. Armando Falcon, the entomologist based at the University of Idaho's Parma R&E Center and found no evidence of infestation in our fields. Based on what we are seeing, this appears to be a regional issue rather than a local pest problem associated with newly installed sod. **We will continue to inspect and monitor our fields every couple of days until this winter.**



WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Caterpillars in the grass, along edges, patios, or foundations
- Irregular brown or thinned patches of grass
- Grass blades chewed down quickly
- Small green/black droppings (frass) in the lawn



WHAT TO DO

- **Inspect your lawn in the morning and evening every couple of days**
- If you find activity, treat your lawn or contact a licensed pest control professional promptly
- Take photos or save a sample if possible
- If you recently purchased sod from us, please contact us so we can document the issue and help guide next steps



IMPORTANT NOTE

Armyworms can affect both new sod and existing lawns during a regional outbreak



Armyworms along foundations



Armyworm in turfgrass with frass



Damage from Armyworms



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