



# Customer Questions

**“Why Does My Lawn Have Brown Spots Even After It’s Rained?”**

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It may seem strange to notice brown patches in your lawn during rainy season, but there are many potential causes of these unsightly spots.

If you don’t have a lawn fertilization program, pests like grubs or chinch bugs could be to blame. If you *do* have a pest program in place, the most likely cause is Delayed Drought Recovery.

Even during periods where rain is steady, a stretch of several dry days coupled with extreme heat can cause significant root damage. In fact, if the irrigation system wasn’t calibrated to provide enough water during this period, the turf root system could be severely damaged in as little as three or four days! The good news is that root damage requires only water and time to recover.

- Drought recovery is simple; it just requires adequate water and a little patience.



The time needed for recovery depends on the extent of the damage. Minor damage may take a few weeks, while severe damage can take months. This is why proper watering is crucial. In fact, although fertilization and pest control are important, there is no factor more vital to the health of your lawn than proper irrigation.

It’s a common misconception that during periods of drought, we can simply “catch up” by watering more later. However, just as with our own health, serious consequences occur once too much time has passed without adequate hydration.

Just be sure your lawn receives  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches of water at least three times per week and, if you haven’t already, talk to your Deans tech about adding a fertilization and pest program to help in the recovery!



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