

YOUR YARD

Turf Wars—The Battle For Your Yard

(NAPSA)—It's your home and lawn, right? So why share them with destructive pests?

"Your yard shouldn't be a place where you have to deal with destructive bugs or worry about the diseases they may carry," says Bayer Advanced™ Garden Expert Lance Walheim, the author of "Lawn Care for Dummies."

But there are really two types of destructive pests: those that damage the lawn or affect people by attacking aboveground, or those that attack your lawn by chewing on the grass roots. It is important to make sure you are treating for the right pests.

A few pests that can be roaming above or below your lawn:

- **Chinch Bugs**—In Southern states, the chinch bug is the most destructive pest of St. Augustine grass lawns. Consumers spend more than \$50 million annually trying to control them.

- **Mole Crickets**—This is the #1 lawn pest on the Gulf Coast. The bug damages lawns two ways: by feeding on the roots and through significant tunneling.

- **Ticks**—Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever are two illnesses transferred by ticks. Lyme disease is concentrated in New England and the mid-Atlantic states and may cause chronic arthritis if left untreated. RMSF tends to occur in the Southeastern states and causes severe headache, tiredness and other ailments.

- **White Grubs**—The larvae of certain beetles, grubs are the most notorious of all turf-damaging soil insects. In late summer, fall and next year's spring, grubs live in the top few inches of soil, feeding on the roots of lawn grasses and destroying the turf above. In early summer, grubs transform into adult beetles that emerge from the soil. Some, like Japanese bee-



TO PUT THE BITE ON destructive pests, make sure to treat your lawn for above- and belowground insects.

tles, become leaf-feeding adults that damage roses, trees and other plants aboveground.

- **Fire Ants***—Have infested over 275 million acres within the United States over the last 76 years. As they spread, the number of mounds reaches densities of up to 1,000/acre, with each containing several hundred thousand stinging ants.

Bayer Advanced™ Complete Insect Killer for Soil & Turf, which is available in granular and spray formulas, combines two unique Bayer active ingredients that work together to control both *aboveground* and *belowground* pests. One ingredient is targeted to kill surface-feeding insects on contact while the other ingredient is systemically absorbed into plants and grass roots to control and prevent insect infestations underground for up to three months. Rain or water cannot wash off this protection!

*For fire ant control with Complete Insect Killer for Soil & Turf, only mound treatment is recommended.

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