

Activity Chart for Diseases of Warm-Season Grasses (Bermudagrass, Zoysiagrass, Centipedegrass, and St. Augustinegrass)

Disease Name	Time Disease Occurs												Factors Favoring Disease			
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.				
Brown Patch				◆										Cool-wet weather		
Centipede Decline				◆											High N, cold weather, and dry weather	
Dollar Spot					◆			◆						Wet weather, heavy dew, and low N		
Fairy Rings	◆												More mushrooms and puffballs in wet weather			
Gray Leaf Spot				◆										Warm-wet weather and high N		
Helminthosporium Leaf Spot					◆									Humid weather in late summer		
Nematodes*						◆								More damage in dry weather		
Rust					◆										Humid weather and shade on Zoysiagrass	
Slime Mold					◆											Warm-wet weather
Spring Dead Spot**				◆										More severe following very cold winters and high N fertilization		

* Have soil samples assayed for nematodes to determine if nematodes are a problem.

** Apply effective fungicide at high rate in the fall (September 15 to November 15) to areas that had the disease the previous spring.