

WEEDS, PESTS & DISEASES



Weeds, pests and diseases detract from the appearance and performance of a turf surface. The most effective method of managing weeds, pests and diseases is to maintain a healthy, actively growing turf sward. This provides a competitive advantage for the turf and improves the recovery potential following damage.

Weeds are the most widespread problem on broad area turf and the most commonly treated. Turf damage by pests including insects, nematodes and mites is increasing on broad area turf, but diseases are of minor importance and rarely treated.

IDENTIFICATION

Accurate identification of weeds, pests and diseases is essential to select the most appropriate control measures. The descriptions in this section are a guide to recognising some of the common weeds, pests and diseases of turf in Western Australia.

It can be difficult to accurately identify certain weeds, pests and diseases in the field. Turf managers need to have access to specialist diagnostic services, such as the Department of Agriculture or recognised commercial laboratories.

Visual observation (billbug damage)



Treat the problem only when levels exceed the threshold

THE WEEDS, PESTS & DISEASES MONITORING CYCLE



Measure weed or pest levels and compare with thresholds

