

# European Chafer Grubs (*Rhizotrogus majalis*)

- complete metamorphosis
- chewing mouthparts
- subsurface pest
- Larvae hatch mid to late July and feed into late fall
- Early stages of the larvae are more easily controlled
- Treatments must be thoroughly watered in order to be successful
- Healthy irrigated turf can tolerate to 5 to 10 grubs per square foot without severe damage
- Dead brown patches among green areas of turf
- Skunks and raccoons can further destroy grub infested turf
- Damaged turf lifts up easily as a result of grubs feeding on grass roots
- One generation per year
- Overwinter as 3rd instar grubs
- Feed for a short time in the spring
- Early May pupate
- Adults appear mid to late June
- Congregate and mate in late June - often seen mating near trees, lights

