

MOLES



- Moles are rodents that live underground.
 - They feed on earthworms, grubs and other insects.
 - Cause damage to lawn by severing grass roots, raising turf.
 - Moles are 6-8 inches long with velvety gray to black fur.
 - When moles are present you will notice raised ridges, 3-5 inches wide, that crisscross the lawn.
- These ridges sometimes turn brown because tunnels have destroyed the grass roots.
 - Moles are hard to control because of the temporary nature of their tunnels, but when you get rid of their food source, the animal will no longer stay there.

STAYING ON TOP OF THE PEST PROBLEM

A healthy lawn is your best defense against pest damage. You can't keep them out, but a lawn that is in good shape will both enable and show less pest damage and will recover more quickly when the pest are gone. **Proper watering, fertilising and mowing practices can keep your lawn from becoming infested in the first place.** Often, insects like to live in a thick layer of thatch, so aerating your lawn when the thatch gets too thick will discourage these pests. Monitoring your lawn and keeping an eye out for early signs of pest damage will allow you to control the situation before it gets out of hand.