

Pink Snow Mold & Fusarium Patch (*Microdochium nivale*)

- All cool season grasses are susceptible
- Patches with orange to red to brown appearance ranging from 10-20cm (4-8 inches)
- Pink or white mycelium found on the outer edge of patch
- Reddish brown patches may be evident after snow melt in the spring
- Fungus may continue well into the spring causing fusarium patch
- Fungus survives the summer in the thatch
- Spores or mycelium may germinate and become active again in the fall causing fusarium blight

Management- Pink Snow Mold & Fusarium Patch

- Minimize thatch
- Prevent succulent growth in the fall by mowing until leaf growth stops
- Avoid applying N late in the fall (no closer then 6 weeks before dormancy)
- Maintain adequate K levels
- Rake matted areas to encourage drying

