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## Preparing for cool-season turf diseases

### *Being proactive now is key to healthy courses*



In many parts of the country, spring has arrived early. While that's great news for golf courses, it also means the early arrival of spring diseases such as pink snow mold, leaf spot, red thread and dollar spot, to name a few.

The key is to be proactive. Between now and approximately May 1 is the critical time to stop spring diseases before they wreak havoc on your golf course. In the north, pink snow mold is typically first to arrive, with leaf spot and red thread right behind. Dollar spot may appear soon as well. All can be treated by several BASF broad-spectrum plant health solutions, such as **Lexicon® Intrinsic®** brand fungicide, **Honor® Intrinsic** brand fungicide, **Insignia® SC Intrinsic** brand fungicide or **Pillar® G Intrinsic** brand fungicide.

BASF also has several additional fungicides, including **Xzemplar®** fungicide, **Emerald®** fungicide and **Trinity®** fungicide, that effectively treat spring diseases. A good plan is to start early with **Emerald** fungicide, stay on course with a treatment of **Xzemplar** fungicide, and finish strong with another treatment of **Emerald** fungicide.

"Staying ahead of spring diseases is so important," says BASF Market Development Specialist Kyle Miller. "Don't wait until you see symptoms, spray before you see disease evidence." He adds that spraying in the cooler spring months may offer a longer residual effect; early applications can last a long time.

The best practice is to put turf to bed, disease free, in the fall. Ideally, superintendents will manage to a master treatment plan created for the entire year. But with spring arriving early for much of the country, the time to treat is now for optimal playing conditions.

Always read and follow label directions.

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