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## Preventing snow mold on cool-season turf

### *Make applications before snow arrives*



If your course is in the northern U.S., there's a good chance you've struggled with snow mold. This destructive fungus, which can decimate your turfgrass, only attacks turf that has constant snow coverage in the winter.

"Snow mold may not damage turf every year, depending on winter weather conditions," says Kyle Miller, BASF Technical Service Representative.

"But it's far better to be safe than sorry. Plan for and apply the right products early to get ahead of the game," he says.

Since all three types of snow mold — pink, grey and speckled — can damage turf, it's essential for superintendents to choose products that work across all three species. The species that affect your turf can depend on your region and the weather, but snow mold can be a moving target, so preparation is key.

With summer drawing to a close, it's time to plan for fall and integrate products into your spray programs. Snow mold is treated with preventive applications *before* snow arrives, so make your first application in October. Keep in mind that your fungicides need to be under the snow cover, since snow protects them from breaking down quickly and snow mold products can provide season-long control.

If a heavy, early snowfall hits, and you haven't yet applied products, you're in a tough spot, since you can't apply snow mold products on top of snow. On the other hand, if you put an application down, and it warms up, the product will decompose. The takeaway: be sure you have enough snow mold product to get through the winter.

For broad-spectrum control that protects turf from all types of snow mold, use **Insignia® SC Intrinsic®** brand fungicide in combination with **Trinity®** fungicide. BASF also recommends adding a chlorothalinal product and a PCNB product to your snow mold regimen.

Always read and follow label directions.

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