

How to Prevent Dog Urine from Ruining Your Lawn

The high concentration of nitrogen and associated salts found in dog urine essentially “burns” the grass it directly hits. The damage appears as dark green spots that turn into straw-colored dead patches surrounded by a ring of dark green grass. (see photo example below)

Several factors influence the severity of the problem. Dog spot damage is more prevalent with female dogs due to the fact they squat in a single place, while male dogs generally leave their calling cards in multiple areas around trees and other upright objects. The same effect would be true of young dogs of both genders who tend to squat when peeing. And because small dogs expel less urine than large dogs, the damage is often less severe and usually shows up as dark green patches.

There are two ways to prevent dog urine dead patches; train your dog to go in an area off of the lawn or spray the spots with water as soon as possible. Spraying the area with water is effective because it washes the urine off of the grass blades and dilutes the concentration of nitrogen and salts.

Lawn damage cause by dogs is the responsibility of the homeowner and will not be addressed by the lawn service company.



Damage from dog urine shows up as fast-growing dark green patches or dead spots surrounded by dark green grass.