



Planning for Pythium



During higher rainfall weather cycles environmental conditions favoring Pythium starts earlier. First reports of Pythium damage can be as early as September. Prevention with Pythium is the answer. There is little sense in trying to cope with symptoms and the accompanying scarring in hindsight as this practice can be very costly indeed. Be prepared and make sure that a good strategy is in place early season to keep Pythium populations at manageable levels throughout the buildup towards December and January – the traditional Pythium damage months.

Making a good start to the season should see turf through summer without a hitch. Remember that Pythium control depends heavily upon regular population control throughout the summer season. Consecutive days of rain and high temperatures (25-40°C) will quickly advance Pythium populations. A sound strategy is therefore an early start with continued action.

Possible strategies:

1. **Pythium - High risk: Late September** – SUBDUE® MAXX @ 3-3.5 L/ha. **Late October** – SUBDUE MAXX @ 3-3.5 L/ha. **Late November** – propamocarb (600 g/L) @ 5 L/ha. **Before Christmas** – HEADWAY MAXX @ 9 L/ha. **Late January** – fosetyl (800 g/kg) @ 12.5 kg/ha. Give all applications a light wash-in within 1 hr after spraying (2-3 mm).
2. **Pythium – Moderate risk: Mid October** – SUBDUE MAXX @ 3-3.5 L/ha. **Late November** – propamocarb (600 g/L) @ 5 L/ha. **Before Christmas** – HEADWAY® MAXX @ 9 L/ha. **Late January** – SUBDUE MAXX @ 3-3.5 L/ha. Give all applications a light wash-in within 1 hr after spraying (2-3 mm).

Important: Remember to consider the environmental conditions as continued humid and wet weather would necessitate a shortening of spray intervals and increase in applications.

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