



Autumn Adjustments

Temperatures may be dropping...but our attention to our lawns should not, and now's the time for proactive adjustments to your lawn care. Here at Deans we'll be adjusting our application rates and keeping an eye out for seasonal pest threat. Here's a look at what to expect this autumn.

A Fall Fungus

Cool temperatures and damp conditions increase the risk of fungus problems. Brown Patch Fungus is an especially prevalent fungus in Zoysia and St. Augustine lawns.

Symptoms of Brown Patch begin with round, discolored patches that slowly expand. The center is usually brown and sunken, but if the turf is recovering you may notice new green

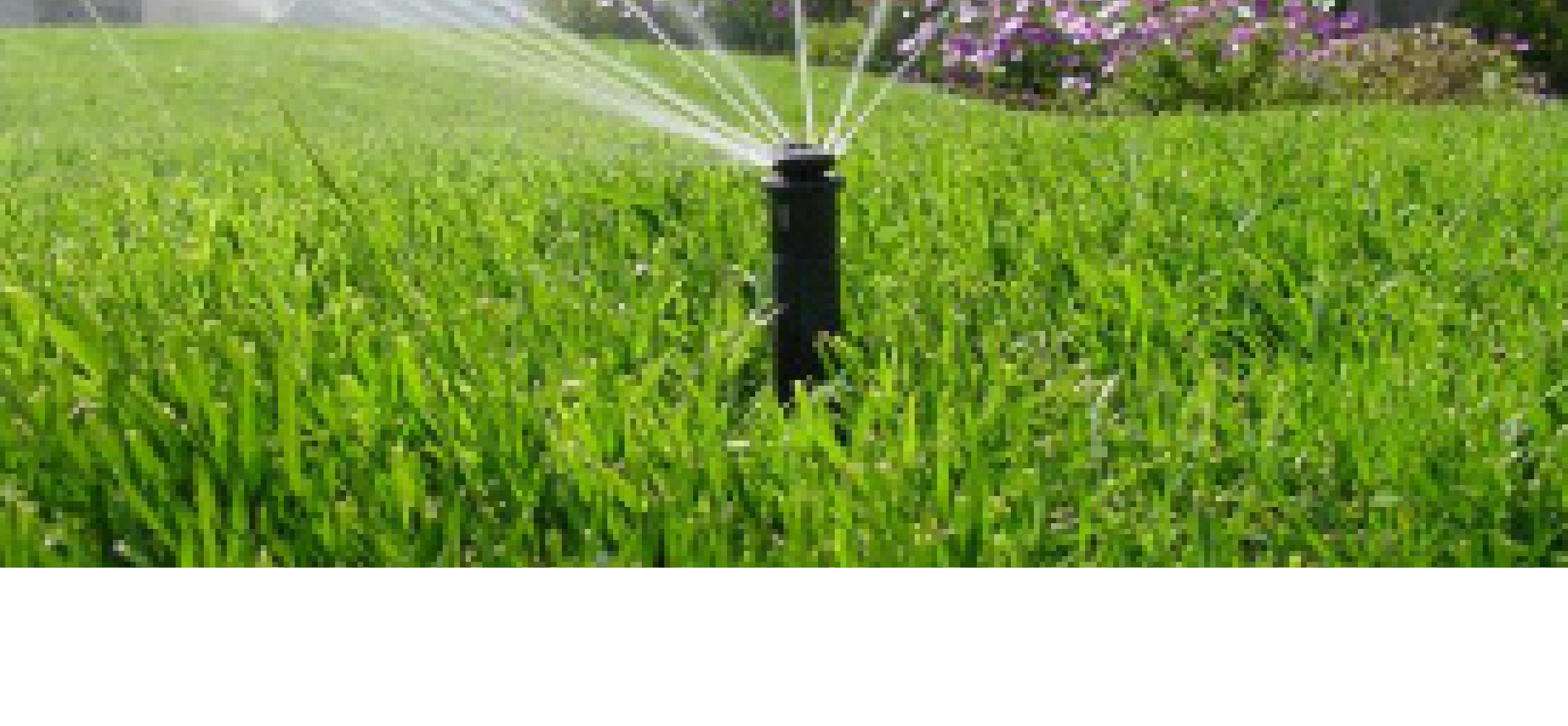


growth there too. Patches continue to expand in the spring, until temperatures climb above 80°. In summer, the damaged areas may fill in, but if the problem was never addressed, the fungus will return each fall.

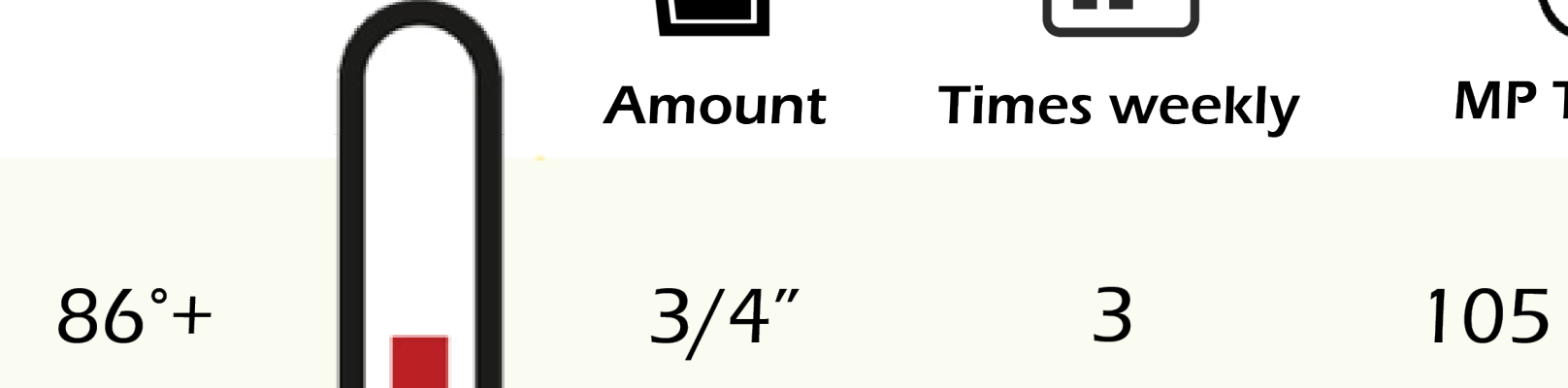
If you're using Deans, expect an adjusted nitrogen level to inhibit fungal growth. We'll also be adding a specialized fungicide to work against any existing problem areas. If you notice Brown Patch, be sure to take control measures quickly or notify Deans and ask about our lawn fertilization and pest program.

Water Wisely

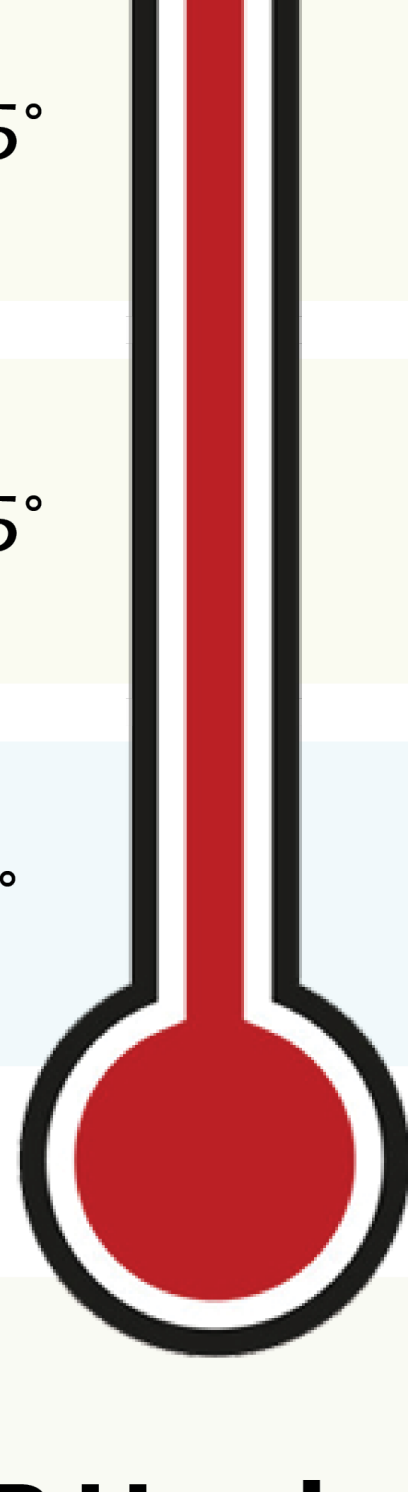
During cooler months, your grass doesn't require as much water, and so the root systems won't absorb as readily. Reduce watering to twice per week once temperatures are consistently below 85 degrees and be sure to set your irrigation to finish running right at sunrise. This ensures that excess water will evaporate rather than contribute to fungus growth.



Adjustments to nutrient levels and irrigation time will promote a healthy root system and fight disease at a time when your lawn needs it most. By entrusting Deans with your lawn, you'll help keep your turf healthy through the cold for a more impressive spring!



	Amount	Times weekly	MP Time*	PGP Time*
86°+	3/4"	3	105 mins	45 mins
76-85°	1/2"	2	70 mins	30 mins
46-75°	1/2"	1	70 mins	30 mins
< 46°	Do not water			



*MP Heads vs. PGP Heads

*MP (high-efficiency) heads disperse water more slowly than PGP heads. This reduces water runoff by allowing your lawn more absorption time. While more efficient, MP heads require a longer run time than traditional PGP heads.

To tell which type you have, look at the spray pattern. MPs apply water in several pin streams while PGPs spray in a jet-spray pattern similar to a garden hose.

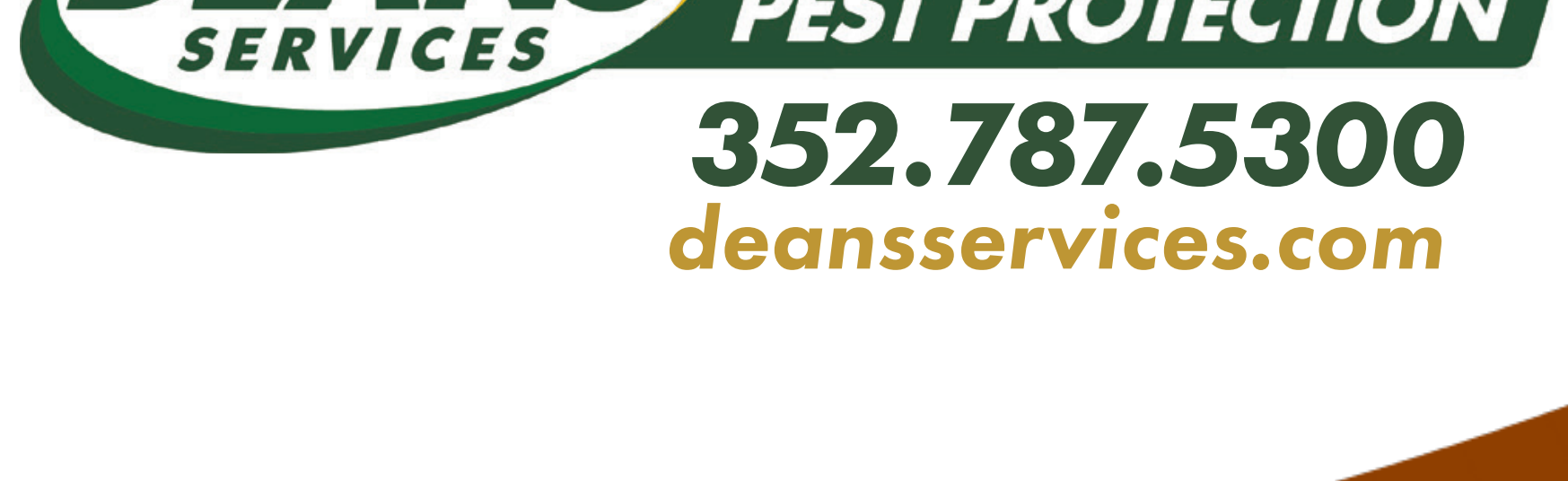
- Ornamentals require 20 minutes, twice per week.
- Suggestions are approximate.
- Local restrictions may apply.



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