

# Green Industry Insight from Keesen Enterprises, Inc.

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## Most Common Summer Turf Diseases

Colorado has several prevalent turf diseases that can damage turf if left untreated.

According to Duane Baldwin, Keesen Enterprises' Plant Healthcare Manager, the most common are leaf spot, ascochyta, and necrotic ring spot (NRS).

Leaf spot and ascochyta appear May through July, while NRS appears July through September.

Leaf spot appears as a yellowing of the entire grass blade with black to red dots. It is generally confined to small areas of the turf that have high moisture levels.

Ascochyta produces a white, tapered tip on the grass blade. It can take over large turf areas and spread quickly if left untreated. It is sometimes mistaken for drought-stress.

NRS is very common in Colorado

and first appears as distinctive yellow rings about the size of dinner plates. The circle will generally die. The disease actually enters the plant in May/June.

All three of these turf diseases are generally brought on by poor turf management practices, including drought stress, over-watering and cutting turf to an improper height.

The key to treating leaf spot and ascochyta is generally a change in turf management practices that include proper irrigation and natural moisture. In some cases, chemical treatment may be necessary.

NRS is difficult to treat, and unfortunately there is no magic cure for it. Treatment includes chemical intervention, frequent aeration, over-seeding affected areas with non-susceptible varieties of grass and in extreme in-

stances, replacing the turf.

Proper turf management techniques are critical to the overall health of your property's turf areas. Our turf maintenance crews provide the proper type of turf maintenance to insure that your grass always looks its best. However, in those instances where turf becomes diseased, Keesen Enterprises employs trained and certified professionals that are trained in the diagnosis and treatment of all types of turf diseases.

**Necrotic Ring Spot is a common turf disease that, left untreated, can kill the entire turf area over time.**



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## How Smart Are Your Irrigation Controllers?

"Smart Controllers" have communication capabilities to download weather data and translate that data to adjust watering schedules. These "just in time" adjustments provide water savings by cutting back to actual water needs where traditional con-

trollers are typically programmed for maximum needs. There are numerous systems available from several manufacturers. Most Smart Controllers can simply replace your existing controller(s); but there are significant set up procedures re-

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### A Little Enhancement Goes A Long Way!

Does your landscape present a tired, outdated look or could a splash of color make all the difference for your customers or residents? Keesen has a highly qualified staff specializing in quality enhancement projects.

What is an enhancement? Landscape enhancements can be anything from adding a tree or two all the way to renovating an area. Still have junipers that have outgrown their space or maybe just an "ugly" area? Enhance it!

Call us today to discuss your enhancement project. We'll help you convert these areas into beautiful, usable areas.

For over 38 years, Keesen Enterprises, Inc. has been providing award-winning, high-quality commercial landscape maintenance, irrigation and installation services in the Denver metropolitan area.

We have built our business on service and integrity. Our philosophy is simple; we strive to maintain the highest quality standards and to exceed your expectations. If there is ever a problem, we will do whatever it takes to make it right. Although many companies make this claim, we are a locally owned company dedicated to servicing our customers. Our entire livelihood depends on the integrity that we operate with right here in the Denver area and we take great pride in our commitment to quality service.

