

humidity remains at a rather high level.

Snowmold ordinarily is noticed in the spring when the snow cover begins to go off of the grass. Hence its name. It is not necessary, however, to have snow in order to have snowmold. Any covering of material which allows conditions of high humidity to exist and so that the soil can warm up sufficiently for these fungus organisms to grow may create conditions favorable for this disease. Therefore, when precautions, such as mulching with various materials, are taken to prevent drying out and desiccation of the grass, it is wise to take some preventive action so that snowmold will not damage putting green turf.

There are several materials that have been effective: the phenyl mercury products, applied according to the manufacturer's directions, have been successful, and mixtures of calmel and corrosive sublimate are old standbys in preventing snowmold. Such mixtures should be applied at the rate of about three ounces to 1,000 square feet. Still other superintendents have reported good results from the use of Tersan, applied at rather heavy rates in the fall, before the mulching is done or before you are likely to have snow. Winter injury to turf can be minimized a great deal if these two enemies, snowmold and desiccation, are warded off by wise treatment in the fall.

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