

Common Insect

Japanese Beetles



The adults enjoy rose, grape, apple, blueberry, blackberry, asparagus, maple, hollyhock, and over 300 more species.

They dislike catnip, chives, garlic, and tansy.

What are they?

- They are beetles with iridescent copper plates and metallic green heads.
- They spend the majority of their lives as grubs under the soil.
- The larva stage and the adult stage can both cause significant damage. The grubs eat the grass roots and the adult beetles skeletonize your plants.
- Depending on their life stage, different measures must be taken to eradicate them.
- The adults are not picky eaters and are known to feast on over 300 species of plant.

When are they a problem?

- The adults appear June to July and possibly to August and skeletonize your plants.
- They lay their eggs late August to early September.
- In September and October and early spring you'll start to see damage from the larvae (brown patches in your lawn) or you'll see skunks digging.

What's the solution?

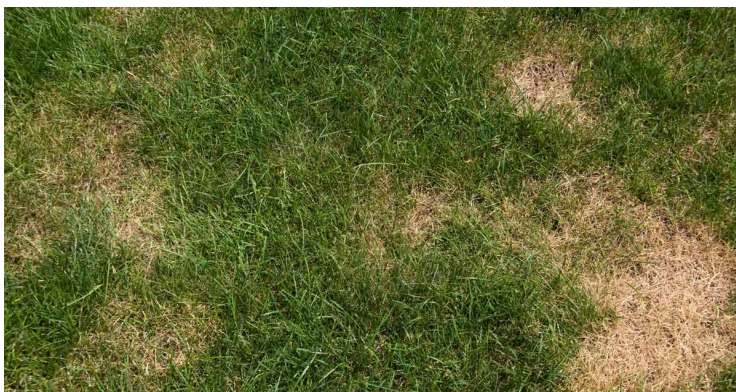
- Apply Nematodes in the spring and fall to kill them in their larval stage.
- If they are adults, you can use a pheromone trap or hand pick them into a bucket of soapy water so they drown.



Japanese Beetle damage
(skeletonizing the plant)



Japanese Beetle Grubs



An example of what Japanese Beetle
Grub damage could look like