## Why Is The Grass Brown?



Bermudagrass (Cynodon spp)

Bermudagrass is one of a large variety of warm season grasses. This means that the grass grows when the weather is warm. In the fall, bermudagrasses will start to lose their green color after the first frost and will turn brown throughout the colder winter months. As the daytime temperatures start to rise and as daylight hours increase (typically in February and March), the color of the bermudagrass will start to turn green. If there is a late frost, the color will revert back to brown, but will rapidly turn green again as temperatures continue to rise.

## Benefits:

- Withstands heavy foot traffic and overuse
- Good drought tolerance
- Rapid recovery from damage
- · Adapts well to different types of soil
- Good disease resistance
- Greater tolerance to the use of recycled water

## Limitations:

- Turns brown during the colder winter months
- Heavy thatch production\*
- \* Thatch is a tight intermingled layer of living and dead stems, leaves and roots. This restricts water, air and fertilizers from reaching the roots.

