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or rings. Type II fairy rings are characterized by fungi that stimulate turf growth, and may result in dark green lush areas of turf. Type III fairy rings are characterized by the growth of puffball type fruiting bodies, often more common in wet weather. Puffball fungi grow on the thatch from turf more often than on woody debris. Type I fairy ring fungi can be the most damaging in turf, especially during time of drought. Fairy ring fungi can be best controlled by prevention, through removing woody debris before seeding or sodding a lawn. Removal of thatch may help, and fruiting bodies may be broken up or raked away to remove. If Type I fairy rings are present, efforts to re-wet soil and break up fungal mycelium will help restore the turf. Fungicides are usually not necessary for home lawns, but may be used in severe cases or in high value turf.

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