## **SNOW MOLD**

## **Raking Alleviates Mold for Better Growth**





BigYellowBag<sup>®</sup> Black Garden Soil consists of Black Loam, Peat Loam, well-composted Manure and a touch of mineral soil for stability. It is great for topping up any type of garden, be it vegetable gardens or flowerbeds and also for over-seeding your lawn.

**Tip:** We suggest mixing the Black Garden Soil with your existing soil to allow both air and water nutrients to percolate in and out. You can then put straight Black Garden Soil on top for aesthetics Over the past several years, we've been noticing large amounts of snow mold on Homeowners lawns. These grey or pinkish circular patches reek havoc to lawns. The picture shows how it can look very much like the results of dog urine.

Once you notice these rings rake them out immediately! By doing this you allow air to get at the crown of the plants. Otherwise the grass plants could be smothered and have the potential to die.

We would highly suggest a heavy raking over the entire area. Once you've "raked out" the snow mold; in a month or so your lawn should bounce back. If it does not, you could repair the lawn by over-seeding. However, if you would like instant repairs you may want to sod the areas that were heavily infested.

The best thing to do in early spring is to rake your lawn even if you aren't sure you have snow mold. A little raking is good, but a good aggressive raking is a lot better. The idea is to get the thatch out of your lawn so it can breathe right down to the crown of the plant. In addition, the heavy snow and ice can cause the blades of grass to lay over, so you'll want to get them standing straight up. Don't worry too much about tearing off good blades because the overall results will cover the loss in no time.



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