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Billbugs in Lawns

Insect and Pest Spotlight



Billbugs are hard-shelled beetles about 1/4 to 1/2-inches long and can wreak havoc with your lawn. Adult billbugs feed on grass leaves, but the larvae or grubs cause the most damage when they feed on grass stems, the grass crown, and eventually the grass roots.

Look for signs of billbugs in early to midsummer with patches of dry grass in an otherwise healthy lawn. If you grasp loose sod and it easily lifts and you see creamy white, c-shaped grubs with brown heads and no legs then you probably have billbugs.



Billbugs survive the winter as larvae in the soil, and become active in the spring when the weather turns warm. Damage from billbugs can be controlled with careful attention and proper application of insecticides.

Billbugs may lay up to 200 eggs and can quickly become overwhelming for a lawn. If you have a concern then contact our lawn care professionals and we can inspect your lawn and develop the proper treatment plan.



Photos courtesy of UC Integrated Pest Management and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food. For more information read *Billbugs in Lawns* Fact Sheet, University of Idaho Extension or visit our web site.

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"Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration."

Lou Erickson

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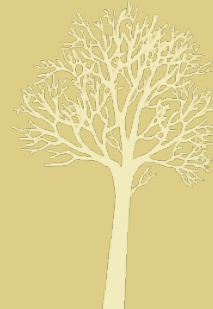
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In Memory

James Haskell Ritchie passed into the Gates of Heaven on June 8, 2010. He was 82. Jim was born July 16, 1927 in Locust Grove, Okla. He was the third child of Zed and Alice Ritchie. As many families did in the Great Depression, they left Oklahoma in 1935 and relocated to Kuna, Idaho. Jim graduated from Kuna High School in 1944. As so many young men of the "Greatest Generation," he joined the Navy. He was on his way to the Philippine Islands aboard a Navy battleship when World War Two ended. He spent the next year in the Philippines.

After being discharged from the Navy, Jim returned home to Kuna and to the love of his life, Kay Reynolds. Jim and Kay were married Feb. 18, 1947. And thus began a love affair that would last 57 years until Kay passed away in May of 2004. Jim and Kay moved to the Hunt area after they were married and began a life of farming and raising a family. Jim and his brother Lloyd farmed together until the early 1960's when Jim bought his brother's share of the farm. Through many years of hard work, milking cows, working nights at the bean warehouse and thoughtful planning they built a successful farming operation. Retirement found Jim and Kay spending winters in Arizona where they made many new friends and honed their skills on the golf course, shuffle board and the barbeque grill. Summers were spent taking care of a huge garden and lawn with a few camping trips on the side. Jim always took pride in his yard and having a weed free garden. Jim is survived by his four sons and their wives; Jim (Karlyn) of Eden, Ken (Karen) of Boise, Scott (Cindy) of Boise and Dan (Nona) of Meridian. He is also survived by his 10 grandchildren, Jamie (Michael) Kohtz, Jason (Mary) Ritchie, Jessica (Kevin) Thibault, Zach Ritchie, Alex Ritchie, Lance Ritchie, Blake (Kaitlyn) Ritchie, Michelle Ritchie, Jenny Ritchie, Allie Ritchie and his four Great-Grandchildren, Makenna and Kaleb Kohtz, Jackson and Samantha Ritchie, his sister Betty Arnold of Kuna and numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his wife Kay, his parents, Zed and Alice, his brothers, William and Lloyd and sister Thelma Mulvania. Special thanks to Dr. Joseph Ippolito and his staff. His care and concern greatly added to the quality and length of Dad's life. We would also like to thank the staff of Bridgeview Estates and Hospice Visions for their care and concern for Dad's welfare. Jim was a big man with a gentle soul. He was kind, honest and generous. Jim believed it's not what you take with you, but what you leave behind that matters most. He was very proud of what he left behind. And now...Mom and Dad are together again.



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