USE OF LAWNTYL: REPORT FROM GEORGE FROST, GREENKEEPER AT SUNNINGDALE B C

We did some major renovations to our B green last year and decided to treat the rampant winter grass with Lawntyl. The date of application was 6th September 2109.

Half of the green was strong and healthy (no stress). The other half of the green was under stress.
The recommended application of the product is 20-60ml/10l water /100m^2.
I mixed 45ml/16L/200m^2. I divided the green into 8 x 200m^2 blocks and applied a can (16l) per 200m^2 block.
Within a week the winter grass started dying off but unfortunately the stressed grass also died off.

During lockdown (this year) we were having winter grass issues again.
The greens have both recovered and are in good health.
With trepidation and some self doubt I decided to investigate the Lawntyl option again. Read the label carefully, discussed with Conchem and decided to spray. Conchem had stressed that the application rates must be strictly applied and the grass must be under no stress.

I treated our B green on the 30th June 2020. 8 blocks of 200m^2 each sprayed with a 45ml/16l water.
We had cut on the 24th June.
We only cut again on the 8 July.
We had rain on 6/7 and 7/7, with good rain on the 10th.
It took about 2 weeks before there were real signs. The winter grass died off slowly and completely with no ill effects on the Cynodon.
With that success I decided to spray the other green.

The same procedure was used. I sprayed on the 16th July with no cut a week before and no cut for a week after, some rain afterwards.
The effect took much longer to become visible but the winter grass has gone and there are no ill effects.

I believe the weather conditions for the first green were warmer and the winter grass absorbed and translocated the poison quicker than the July spray.

I would use Lawntyl again but very carefully and following instructions strictly.

Thanks & Kind Regards
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