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Mole or Vole Damage?

Over the winter months, moles and voles continue to work in your lawn. These two pests damage a lawn in different ways and identifying them is key in controlling them.

Voles:



Voles are small rodents who are 3-4 inches in length. They are also known as a meadow mouse or field mouse and have a plant-based diet. They live above ground and eat winding tunnels or trails thru the grass. They gnaw at the base of trees and shrubs, eat root systems of small plants, and feed on flower bulbs.

In most cases raking up the loose grass will take care of the problem, as the voles haven't damaged the root system of the grass.

Vole control is usually not needed. The damage is mainly cosmetic and the turf will recover on its own.



Moles:



Moles are small mammals that are 6-8 inches in length. They live underground and make tunnels by pushing up dirt as they travel thru lawns. They are carnivores whose diet consists of mostly earthworms, grubs, and insects. While they live underground, they don't hibernate in the winter. They continue to forage for food all winter long, pushing up tunnels thru lawns and mulch beds.



Controlling moles is an important part of having a healthy lawn. We don't offer mole control services, but we do have some suggestions and partners who do. [Click here for more information.](#)