

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Dead spots on field

Turfgrass Area: High school baseball field

Location: Northeastern United States

Grass Variety: Cool season mixture

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The dead spots on this field are not the result of grazing cattle or even vandalism. The dead spots were a mystery until the areas were closely examined. Upon inspection, fertilizer prills were still apparent in the dead spots. After questioning the caretaker for the field, it was determined that he had used a push spreader days earlier to fertilize the field with Urea. Each time he filled the hopper, he left the spreader open, allowing the fertilizer to spill out onto the turf, causing the dead spots. Anyone who has fertilized with a rotary spreader before has probably made the same mistake once or twice, but to repeat the action on the same field over and over does make one scratch their head in amazement. This proves that with even the best-intentioned people can do at least as much harm in the world as they do good.

Photo submitted by Jeffrey T. Fowler, County Extension Director, Penn State University, Franklin, PA.

If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to John Mascaro, 1471 Capital Circle NW, Ste # 13, Tallahassee, FL 32303 call (850) 580-4026 or email to john@turftec.com. If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted will become property of *SportsTurf* magazine and the Sports Turf Managers Association.

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