

## Do I need to call the technician to treat this area?

Here are some general observations about gopher activity.



The most common misperception made by even professional landscapers is to confuse gopher damage with new fresh gopher activity. Here are illustrations showing the difference:



We don't perform landscaping repair so old gopher damage is often viewed as reinfestation. It is wise to reinspect these areas at the time of the next scheduled service as gophers will want to recolonize areas they have deemed hospitable but this does not provide evidence of a treatment failure or neglect.

It is also important to realize there is currently no way to repel or deter gophers. Gopher service means killing the gophers once they become evident by setting up housekeeping on the property (by which time there is already damage to the landscaping that will require the landscapers to make repairs). Many of the properties we service are surrounded by areas where no gopher control is being applied; this means they are surrounded by gopher farms that are producing gopher pups that are looking for a new place to set up housekeeping.

In summary, gopher control service is very effective in limiting damage done to the grassy areas. Areas of old activity will need to be repaired by either the homeowner or a professional landscaper who has the equipment and tools needed to perform a reseeded of the damaged area.