

COMPARE TWO PATCHES BEFORE CHOOSING A FIX

Choose a worn patch and nearby healthier turf. Observe them under similar moisture conditions. This comparison organizes evidence; it does not measure soil texture or diagnose drainage by itself.

Three patterns that need different follow-up

Observed pattern	Useful comparison	Next question
A narrow worn route	Compare its use and surface condition with turf beside it.	Can traffic be redirected while the grass recovers?
Water collects in a low area	Sketch where water arrives and photograph it after ordinary rain.	Is the issue runoff, grade, an outlet or soil condition?
Hard soil across a broad area	Record moisture conditions and the site's construction history.	Would soil or site assessment clarify the cause?

Do not dig inspection holes over unknown services or irrigation lines. Persistent water near a building, major grading questions or an uncertain outlet deserve professional assessment. A small amount of sand mixed into clay is not a reliable drainage solution.

YOUR FIELD RECORD

Date, grass and recent weather

Problem area and comparison area

Traffic pattern and visible water sources

Time when puddles appear and clear

Change made and follow-up observation

Use the full guide and current local advice before treatment. Print and write, or save a copy in a PDF app that supports form fields. Entries stay in your file; this worksheet does not submit them.

