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By Yvonne Swanson, Times Correspondent  
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#### Mushrooms thrive in rich, moist soil

If your lawn and garden are sprouting mushrooms after the rainy summer, it's a sure sign the soil is moist and loaded with organic matter. Mushrooms won't harm your landscape, but you can remove them by hand or mow them over, advises Pinellas County horticulturist Jean Field. Wear gloves, wash your hands afterward and don't eat them (they could be poisonous). To reduce the mushroom population, try watering less often.

#### Cinch bugs won't make a home here

Why tempt cinch bugs with tasty turf when you can send them packing instead? A new dark-green St. Augustine turfgrass from Sod Solutions in South Carolina is reported to resist all cinch bugs found in Florida — plus it's a slow grower, which means less mowing. "Captive St. Augustine" will make its industry debut at the Florida landscape industry's annual show in Orlando this month and should be available this year. Visit [www.sodsolutions.com](http://www.sodsolutions.com) to find a local dealer.

Yvonne Swanson, Times correspondent

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