

Weed CONTROL

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Handling much, much more than just dandelions



The difference between a weedy, off-color lawn and a thick, green one is a good program and proper mowing and watering.



Not long ago, practical weed control was limited to preventing crabgrass with a pre-emergent and knocking out existing clover, dandelions and other broadleaf weeds by means of post-emergent weed controls. Not anymore.

Improved products and application methods have made it possible to control a much wider range of weedy plants both economically and in a timely fashion.

Points to remember about good weed control

- A thick stand of grass (mowed high) helps to choke out weeds.
- Weed control works best during cooler weather, because weeds must be actively growing for control.
- Spot treatments are better for your lawn and the environment.
- Total weed “eradication” is not likely, but regular treatments keep weeds under control.
- Special treatments for nutsedge and crabgrass (after it sprouts) are available.

Better for the environment

A “blanket” weed control treatment (one where the entire lawn is treated) is sometimes necessary when treating with a crabgrass preventer or when a lawn is choked with weeds. After we’ve reduced the weed population, spot treatments are often all that’s needed. Using backpack or hand-held application equipment allows us to handle spot weed problems and mix custom materials for special applications. Since most broadleaf weed controls work only on weeds that are actively growing, it makes good environmental sense to avoid treatments where there are no weeds. Spot treatment also helps to keep costs under control by using only the material needed – when and where it’s needed.

Improvements in control options

Specialized products now allow us to handle problems that had no reasonable solutions in the past.

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Probably topping the list are materials that control crabgrass after germination – with no ill effects on your desirable grass. This marks a big improvement in lawn care technology that allows us to tackle crabgrass problems throughout more of the season. There are some limitations as to when and how these products must be used to get good control, but this still represents a major breakthrough.



Nutsedge or “watergrass”

There are also materials available for controlling nutsedge without browning your desirable turf. This fast-growing, light-green pest is neither a broadleaf or a grass. It belongs to the sedge family.



Hot weather control

During hot months, weeds create a waxy coating to help keep moisture in. Unfortunately, this also keeps weed controls out. The best control is always achieved during cooler and moister seasons.

The perfect lawn?

The guaranteed perfect lawn may never arrive, but each year brings new tools and materials to help us get a little closer. Our goal is to provide the best possible lawn for your investment. We’ll continue to deliver the most up-to-date service and, with your help, the kinds of results

Integrated programs always work best

Good weed control includes more than treatment of the weeds. Proper fertilization and watering combined with correct mowing will reduce weed competition in lawns.

We can handle all the specialized treatments you may need, but we need your cooperation too. For best results, please follow the instructions we give you with each treatment.

All weeds are best controlled when they are actively growing.

that are sure to please. If you ever have any questions about weed control or any other area concerning your lawn, please feel free to give us a call.