



Dealing With Weeds

Unfortunately, weeds are a never ending problem when it comes to your lawn and landscaping. Since we cannot completely get rid of weeds, I recommend the following tips to better manage them.

In Beds:

We recommend purchasing a simple 1 or 2 gallon capacity pump sprayer from a hardware store or home supply store. You can also purchase concentrated Round-Up weed killer (or other brand name). We suggest that you mix the weed killer concentrate with water in the recommended proportions (water first, concentrate second, to avoid foaming during mixing). If you cut your own lawn, we suggest spraying your weeds after each time you mow. This will make for a habit that is easy to remember. If you spray your weeds every 7-10 days, there will be less weeds and spraying will not take as long. By spraying regularly, the weeds will also not have a chance to get large. Large dead weeds lying over in your beds will look unsightly. Spraying weeds when they are small is preferable because the dead weeds will shrivel up and are less noticeable. We recommend a maximum of 14 days between sprayings.

We suggest leaving the weed killer in the sprayer between sprayings. This will eliminate the need for remixing.

When spraying, make sure you keep the sprayer tip adjusted to prevent over-spray. If you get weed killer on the leaves of your shrubs and other plants, you will kill the leaves and risk killing the entire plant. You can test the tip adjustment on a concrete surface to adjust the overspray. Keep in mind that windy days are bad days to spray weeds for this reason.

The chemicals will work better and faster if you spray your weeds when the temperature is as hot as possible.

If you have weeds that are mixed in with other plants such as ground cover, spraying will not work. You will kill the weeds, but you will kill everything around them as well. For this special circumstance, we recommend pouring some weed killer into a pail or bucket. By putting on plastic gloves, you can dip your hand in the weed killer and carefully wipe the weeds by hand. It is a tedious process but it is effective.

In Lawns:

If you have weeds in your lawn, we recommend hiring a company that does regular lawn fertilization and weed control. You can also do this yourself by carefully following the recommendations of your local hardware store or supplier. Weed control is best used with fertilizer. A lush lawn (a well fertilized lawn) will help to choke out weeds much more easily than an unfertilized lawn and weeds will be easier to control.

If you have grass that was recently planted, we recommend that you wait at least 60 days before applying weed control to the new grass. If you apply it too early, you risk killing the new grass.