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Weed Control Tactics

Most all clients do not like to see unsightly “weeds” in their landscape. A weed is defined as “a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants”. As warmer weather is upon us, property owners have seen weeds emerging. Some common weeds around this area include sedges, crabgrass, dollar weed, and clover. Let’s take a moment to look at a couple of key points that we feel clients need to know to understand our weed processes; where weeds come from and how to control (not eradicate) weeds.

Where do WEEDS come from?

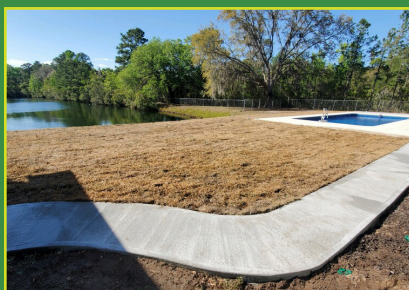
Being that a weed is a wild plant that has seeds of its own, those seeds are the beginning of what we have titled a weed. Weed seeds are dispersed in numerous ways, but some of the most common are by wind, water, animals, and humans.

Properties of the Month: APRIL

Thrive
Savannah



Metheny
Support Services



Glyndale Baptist
Golden Isles



Osprey Village
South



*Each property is selected by the
Branch Manager according to
the crew's monthly Quality
Control report.*

How can we prevent WEEDS?

Weeds can be a relentless ongoing battle that you will NEVER win! Unfortunately, weeds will never be eradicated and will forever continue to be a problem in our landscapes. Keeping that in mind, there are controlling measures that can be taken to "control" the weeds.



1. Pre-growing or preventative control tactics that we recommend are:

- **Applying mulch to the planting beds** will suffocate the weed seed, inhibit sunlight penetration, ultimately not allowing the seed to germinate or grow. Without mulch or even without the proper mulch depth, it is extremely difficult and practically impossible to control weeds in a plant bed.

- **Applying a pre-emergent herbicide** to your turf must be properly applied at the right time of year to be effective. One application will not affect all types of weeds so 2 applications will need to be made. The first application needs to be when the soil temperature warms. A second application needs to be applied in the fall to winter months.

2. Upon sprouting and the growth of weeds control tactics include:

- **Chemical control measures** involve what we call post-emergent herbicides. These chemicals will NEVER be effective on rainy days or in the winter months.
- **Mechanically removing weeds** can be a time staking process. The most important point for this removal process is to make sure the root is pulled along with the weed.

Applying mulch at the correct depth and taking all preventative measures available including pre-emergent herbicides is highly recommended. If there was a technique to eliminate weeds, we would be the first to utilize it! Unfortunately, weeds will always be "weeds" and an ongoing battle that we will always be fighting!



Team Members of the Month: APRIL

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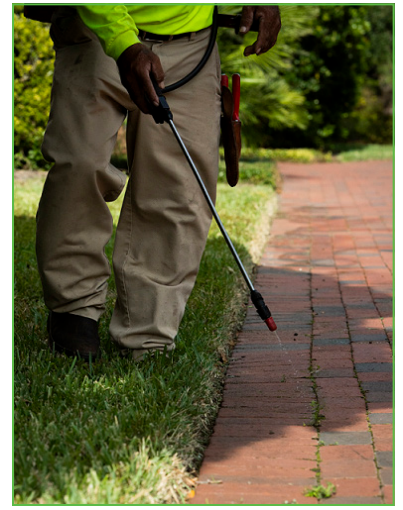
Luis Riveria
Savannah



These team members display the company core values (Safety, Quality, Leadership, Relationships) in all that they do while working, have excellent attendance, and are constantly trying to improve themselves.

Getting Annual Weeds Before They Get You

One of the most beautiful parts of any attractive landscape is what isn't there. The things that are missing can give your entire property a smooth, finished look that is an unmistakable sign of good management and careful maintenance. We're talking about the absence of crabgrass and other annual weeds.



Crabgrass and other annual weeds appear out of nowhere soon after the soil warms up in the spring. These unwelcome visitors energetically go to work smothering good grass and generally giving the properties they inhabit a ragged and unkempt look.

Pre-emergents provide the best control as they operate by attacking weed seeds just as they begin to germinate. Properly timed and applied, one or two applications per season can virtually eliminate several annual weed problems from your property.

Most pre-emergents are non-selective. They stop most annual and perennial seeds within the control zone at the very beginning of germination. For both annual and perennial weed control, pre-emergent herbicides are effective tools on nearly every part of your property.

The timing of pre-emergent treatments should be scheduled prior to weed germination whenever possible. Applications should usually be made prior to weed emergence in the warmest areas of the property. Some pre-emergent products deliver post-emergent control of very young annual weeds. Using this type of material makes applications slightly less time sensitive.

Pre-emergent herbicides play a critical role in any integrated grounds management program. By guarding your turf and planting beds against unwanted weeds, they help assure that one of the most beautiful parts of your property will be the crabgrass and other weeds that simply never appear.

Irrigation Tip for Spring

Just because the weather is warmer doesn't necessarily mean that turf needs to be watered daily!

Talk to your Client Relations Leader for advice on running the irrigation system on your property.



The Winning Weed Team

Warmer weather brings its own special assortment of unwanted weeds. These pesky warm weather varieties can be controlled—but it takes more than repeated weed control applications. Good cultural practices are essential to back up and assist weed control treatments. It takes teamwork.

Three Tough Customers

1. **Broadleaf weeds** will germinate, as seeds blown in from neighboring properties are activated by hot weather.
2. **Summer weeds** usually have small leaves with a waxy coating, making them hard to control.
3. **Crabgrass** can sneak up on you suddenly and quickly take over large areas of your lawn.

Your Play: Cultural Practices

Whether it's weeds, sedges, or annual grasses, summer weed invaders can only be beaten if we work together. The best defensive game plan is a thick stand of tall-growing turf. Keeping the lawn properly mowed (high in summer) and well-watered are important steps in keeping a lawn healthy. These are just two of the mechanical things that are done to care for your lawn that we call cultural practices. Your best offense against weeds is professional care. Professionals can identify and help eliminate small problem areas with regular or special applications and keep you informed of any problems. There isn't a herbicide that will eliminate all weeds from your lawn forever, but by putting professional applications and good cultural practices together, we can keep your lawn virtually weed free all season long.

**50% of a healthy Landscape comes from chemicals (i.e. fertilizer, insecticide). The other 50% comes from proper maintenance.*



We're here for *you.*

Helping your property look great is what we do, but making sure you're satisfied is what keeps us going. We've learned that when we focus on complete customer satisfaction, all the rest falls in line.

We're here for you - to follow up on work we've done for you, to answer questions or to discuss further improvements to your outside spaces.

We count on the good name we've built with our customers to get new business. If you have a friend, neighbor or co-worker in need of landscape services, we'd appreciate you recommending us. We'd like to meet them and work with them to beautify their landscapes, too.

Of course, it's always a great pleasure to get a call from a current customer about a new project. Please call us anytime. We'd love to hear from you.



Have a question or concern? We're here to help.

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