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## SPEAKING OF WEEDS...

Spring is finally really here! And unfortunately, so are broadleaf weeds. Left alone this spring, unwelcome invaders such as dandelions, clover, spurge and ivy can seriously “uglify” the looks of your lawn.

After treatment of broadleaf weeds, you’ll need to be patient. These products can take up to three full weeks before treated weeds are eliminated. In the meantime, there are things you can do to help.



Most weeds like sunny, hot weather. To reduce germination, keep your soil shaded by mowing higher (remove no more than 1/3 of the grass blade each time you mow), avoiding very close weed-whipping. Be sure to water enough to keep the turf healthy and growing, and aerate the soil regularly to encourage healthy roots and a thicker lawn.

A combination of good cultural practices and post-emergent controls (when needed) will provide you with the thick, green lawn you deserve!

# The ‘Before and After’ of Weed Control

## STOPPING WEEDS BEFORE THEY’RE HERE AND AFTER THEY APPEAR

Weeds can be a problem just about any time of year, but a good effort in the spring helps keep weeds under control all the rest of the season. There are two main kinds of application that stop weeds. The first are pre-emergent applications. They work under the thatch and in the soil, keeping some types of weeds from appearing. The other are post-emergent treatments and are used after weeds appear in the lawn. Together, along with good cultural practices, they form a winning combination to help stop weeds in their tracks.

### PRE-EMERGENCE HERBICIDES – PREVENTING WEEDS BEFORE THEY START

**WHEN:** Used in late winter or early spring

**WHAT:** Stops summer annual weeds like crabgrass, goosegrass, and foxtails that grow from seed, along with a wide variety of broadleaf weeds.

**HOW:** The pre-emergent creates a barrier just under the soil surface that doesn’t let crabgrass and other culprits even break through the soil.

### POST-EMERGENCE HERBICIDES – STOPPING WEEDS IN THEIR TRACKS

**WHEN:** Used throughout the spring, summer and fall.

**WHAT:** Controls perennial weeds like spurge, dandelions and others, or annuals that are already up and growing.

**HOW:** This weed control is applied directly to the weed and begins working as it is absorbed, after several hours. Of course, the younger the weed when sprayed, the easier it is to control.

When we combine these controls with the right fertilization, mowing and watering, your weeds won’t stand a chance!

