

NEWSLETTER

UNWANTED GRASSES

When controlling unwanted grasses in gardens, yards and flower beds it is important to know the difference between annual and perennial grasses. Annual plants live for one growing season, the plant will produce seed and then die. Perennials regrow every spring from the same established plant. Annual grasses are easier to control with herbicide, mechanical and cultural control methods (hand-pulling, mowing and watering practices).



CRABGRASS grows low to the ground with stems that radiate out from the center of the grass clump. Becomes a problem due to its ability to grow vigorously in hot, dry conditions.



STINKGRASS prefer disturbed areas and will pop up in gardens and yards. Like the name suggests this grass can stink when damp or crushed.



WITCHGRASS The tufted grass is an annual plant that has hairy stems and large seed heads. When ripe, the seeds burst out and quickly scatter for long distances in the wind.



WINDMILL GRASS grass has a characteristic panicle with spikelet's arranged in a windmill fashion. Windmill grass actually prefers nutrient poor soil with plenty of sand, and rock.

Herbicide options:

Pre-emergent herbicide attacks the sensitive root tissue of newly germinated seeds, resulting in complete plant death. Established plants have nothing to fear, as their root system is already developed.

Look for herbicides with active ingredients:

- Pendimethalin
- Proflaminate
- Dithiopyr
- Trifluralin

Hint- You don't need to apply herbicide to your whole yard. Concentrate your application efforts on areas where unwanted grasses thrive.

How to prevent weeds and unwanted grasses in your lawn:

Mow at the proper height- You can discourage crabgrass by mowing at the proper height

Feed regularly- a thick, full lawn seldom contains much crabgrass

Water your lawn- water lawns deeply and infrequently to encourage your lawn to develop deeper roots, so it can grow thicker to help crowd out weeds.

Repair lawn damage- repair the bare spots to help keep new weeds out

CALIBRATION CAN SAVE TIME & MONEY

Why is calibration important? Calibration makes it possible to apply the correct amount of herbicide. As we all know, herbicides along with other things are not cheap right now. Thus urging applicators to calibrate your sprayer to not over or under apply herbicides. Treat your property with confidence that you are not wasting your time or money.

Calibration can be complicated to explain in a couple sentences. If you are interested in correctly calibrating your sprayer GCWP is happy to help, call-in to bring it by the office.

Or you can always jump on to our website to find links that show step for step how to calibrate your sprayer type.



www.goshenweedandpest.com
"How do I..." tab

Don't forget - GCWP has a very helpful website, visit it when you might have a random question.

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- April 14- GCWP Board Meeting
- April 15 - Good Friday (office closed)