

Your Yard

Keeping The Weeds Out Of Your Yard

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(NAPSA)—Weeds compete with grass for moisture and nutrients, robbing your lawn of the food that it needs. Not only that, but weeds look bad and detract from the curb appeal of your home.

In fact, The Lawn Institute says that homeowners may realize up to a 15 percent increase in property value because of a well-manicured lawn and landscape.

The best way to keep the weeds out is with a balanced lawn-care program that includes:

- **Proper watering.** Watering too much or not enough invites weed growth. In mid-summer, most lawns need at least an inch of water a week—more in hot summer areas. Watering early in the morning is best because it helps prevent lawn diseases.

- **Fertilizing.** Feed warm-season grasses in late spring and summer and cool-season grasses in the fall and spring.

- **Frequent mowing.** Taller grass means deeper roots. In midsummer, set your mower to cut at the upper end of your lawn's recommended mowing height. Mow when the grass is a third higher than the recommended mowing height.

Despite the best-laid plans and effort, weeds still can sneak into your yard. The question is: What is the best way to get rid of the



Proper watering, fertilizing and frequent mowing can all help to keep a lawn free from weeds.

weeds? Traditionally, it has always depended on the type of weed in your lawn.

Most common lawn weeds fall into one of two categories: broad-leaf weeds such as dandelions and clover, and grassy weeds, including crabgrass. Most weed killers for lawns eliminate either broad-leaf weeds or grassy weeds, but not both.

A product called Bayer Advanced Lawn® All-in-One Weed Killer is said to kill more than 200 kinds of broadleaf and grassy weeds, including dandelions, clover and crabgrass, in one easy step. The ready-to-use formula has SmartTrack®—a non-staining, red-colored marker that shows which weeds have been sprayed and which ones haven't. And it won't harm your lawn when used as directed.

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