

LAWN TIPS

Ways To Keep A Lawn Weed-Free

(NAPSA)—A beautiful, weed-free lawn takes more than a few rounds with the lawn mower and some wishful thinking. Knowing what type of lawn you have and giving it the proper care can make a big difference. Getting rid of the weeds is critical, as they compete with the grass for nutrients.

The good news is that going weed-free is not as tedious or time-consuming as you might think. No matter where you live, you don't have to memorize "the list" of hundreds of broadleaf and grassy weeds to get rid of them, says Bayer Advanced™ Garden Expert Lance Walheim, who co-wrote the book "Lawn Care for Dummies."

He offers these tips for stopping and preventing weeds in your lawn:

1. Know your grass type. Different lawn grasses grow in different regions of the country, and knowing which type you have is important. For instance, if you live in the Northeast, cool-season grasses like tall fescue, rye and Kentucky bluegrass grow well. In the Deep South, warm-season grasses such as Bermuda grass, centipede and St. Augustine grass are best adapted.

But even within the grass types, there are varieties that resist specific pest problems. If you don't know what type of grass you have, take a sample to a local nursery or your local county extension office for identification.

2. Build up your lawn's overall health. Fertilize cool-season lawns in fall and spring. Feed warm-season lawns from late spring into summer. Water regularly during dry spells and mow at the appropriate height for your lawn type. In spring or fall, aerate the cool-season lawns to help nutrients



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and air reach the roots. Dethatch grass that's too thick. In the fall, rake leaves to help the lawn "breathe."

3. Select the right product to treat your weeds. For cool-season or Bermuda grass lawns, apply Bayer Advanced™ All-in-One Weed Killer for Lawns. It kills more than 200 types of broadleaf weeds like dandelions and clover, plus grassy weeds such as crabgrass, in one step.

Most other weed control brands require two products to do the same thing. A new product, Bayer Advanced™ All-in-One Lawn Weed & Crabgrass Killer, is the first to control lawn weeds and crabgrass simply through attaching the bottle to your hose and spraying. For St. Augustine grass, use Bayer Advanced Southern Weed Killer for Lawns on broadleaf weeds like dandelions and dollarweed.

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