

Weed Control F.A.Q – Daniel Lawn Care

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A weed is any plant that grows where it is not wanted. Pull out weeds by hand as they appear. They rob the lawn of water, sun and nutrients. A herbicide may also be used, but apply it carefully to avoid damaging surrounding plants. Attack weeds in the spring and early summer before they have a chance to develop deep complex root systems, or go to seed and reproduce.



Weeds also pose a major problem in landscape beds in spring. Instead of hand weeding, you may be able to use a pre-emergent herbicide to control weeds that grow from seed as the weather warms up. Read labels carefully before selecting and using any of these products to make sure they are best suited to your particular weeds and won't damage surrounding plants.

How can I get rid of crabgrass?

Crabgrass is an aggressive weedy lawn grass that emerges each spring from seed. Mow your lawn high to thicken it and reduce the ability of crabgrass to establish in your lawn. If you use a crabgrass preventive, it must be applied before seed germinates in late spring.



I treated my lawn last summer for dandelions, yet they always seem to reappear in spring. Why?

Dandelions set seed in puffballs that are released by the wind and can be blown from one lawn to the next. Most dandelion seed germinates in the fall. The plants you see in your lawn this spring probably germinated after you applied a weed control last summer. Reapply a control product this spring once air temperatures rise to the proper level for the materials to work.



How do I control wild violets?

Wild violets are perennial plants that emerge each spring, forming beautiful, delicate flowers in late April to early May. Control is very difficult and usually requires a formulated application of a weed control product in spring for best results. Control will take more than one application over several seasons. Wild violets are favored by moist, shaded growing conditions. Eliminating the weed without considering site conditions is a short-term solution to this weed's persistence.

