

Know How in No Time: 3 Ways to Control Landscape Weeds

All the care you put into tending to landscape and flower beds enriches the growing environment for flowers, plants and shrubs. And unfortunately...for weeds too.

Here are three simple ways to prevent weeds from stealing the show.

Mulch

A two to three inch layer of mulch helps your plants by keeping roots cooler, holding in moisture and adding organic matter to the soil. And, it helps block sunlight from reaching weed seeds, making it harder for them to grow.

- *For an extra layer of weed prevention, lay landscape fabric over the ground before spreading mulch.*
- *Leave an edge around the base of trees, shrubs, and plants so the mulch doesn't cause rotting.*

Weed Preventer

Weed preventers add an invisible barrier against weeds - and applying them couldn't be simpler.

- *Shake on the granules, working around plants, and water lightly to activate the preventer.*
- *A 2 in 1 product helps prevent weeds and feed plants at the same time.*
- *Avoid getting the granules on plant leaves so you won't burn the leaves. If you're planting new seedlings, you usually want to wait until new seedlings are about 2 or 3 inches tall before using a weed preventer nearby.*

Spot Treatment

When weeds show up here and there, deal with them on the spot.

- *If you remove them by hand, try to pop the weed up by its roots.*
- *You can also spray weed killer directly onto the weed. This helps make sure nothing is left behind to regrow.*

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