CONTROLLING THE TOUGHEST WEEDS REQUIRES A POWERFUL PUNCH!

Particularly stubborn weeds – such as wild violet, ground ivy, black medic, clover and other species found in cool-season turfgrasses – call for tough weed control. That is the constant challenge of herbicide producers, who are leveraging the latest field research and chemistry to develop formulations that pack a punch against these particularly hard-to-control weeds.

A formulation with active ingredients including sulfentrazone, a phenoxy and triclopyr creates a potent, fast-acting solution for tough weeds, says Jim Goodrich, product specialist for Kansas City, Mo.-based PBI-Gordon Corp. Sulfentrazone is a protox inhibitor, which works by preventing a key enzyme required for chlorophyll production, and it provides enhanced speed as well as yellow nutsedge suppression. Triclopyr provides an extra kick for controlling problem weeds such as wild violets.

One product that includes this formulation and provides a precision performance tool for turf managers is T-Zone™ Broadleaf Herbicide for Tough Weeds. Even hard-to-control weeds show visible injury within a few hours, and weed death can occur within 10-14 days.

The low-odor, oil-based formula opens up more application opportunities than most herbicides. Improved cool-weather resistance allows for a wider span of applications in the growing season. And because T-Zone is rainfast in just three hours, weather interference is less of a concern.

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More on the fire

You do a wonderful job with GCI. I really admire and respect people who have great energy and passion for what they do no matter the vocation... The writing seems to be ahead of the curve and at times has some edgy insight. Most of all, you seem to strike a chord with [superintendents] that other industry publications seem to miss at times.

Keep up the good work. You are a wonderful asset to the turfgrass industry.

I find the cause of the FarmLinks fire (After the fire, March 2013) so curious because I fear fire in our shop. Many years ago I had a electric roller start on fire on the first green and it needed a fire extinguisher to put it out, I wish I had investigated the issue more thoroughly. I wonder now, "What if that had started in the shop?"

I have seen electric golf carts go up in flames, and now wonder how that happen?

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The editor’s respond: That’s a great question, Andy. In our excitement and enthusiasm in putting together the cautionary tale that came out of the FarmLinks fire, we simply forgot to add its cause. We went back and asked, and according to the good people at FarmLinks, the fire was started by a simple lightening strike. This just adds to the tale that this act of God could happen to any facility, anywhere, and it’s best to be prepared for any contingency.

Believe it or not

I enjoyed reading your February Parting Shot. Well said.

I thought you might enjoy an article ("A Worthy Calling, August 2011) I wrote on the subject for The Perfect Lie newsletter a few years ago. I doubt I will push turf on my kids, but if they want to go that way I will fully support them because our world needs more people with the character qualities refined by the life of a superintendent.

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Whenever I get the opportunity to read Pat Jones' column, it either brings a tear to my eye, as "You Gotta Believe" did, or it makes me laugh like hell, as "You Gotta Believe" did, as well. Great article, Pat. Hit the nail hard on this one, my friend.

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Damn near brought a god damn tear to my eye. Well written and extremely well thought out. You hit the nail on the head. My own boys will read it when they visit their superintendent dad this weekend. Thanks for this, Pat.

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