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☑ Chemical uptake by weed species is increased when there is adequate soil moisture. Avoid making herbicide applications under conditions of moisture and drought stress.

Application

☑ Apply herbicide in sufficient volumes of water to ensure adequate spray coverage. Consult herbicide labels for recommended volumes of water.

☑ Adequate coverage is essential to effective chemical control. Applications should

be made when dew is present, or with indicator dyes to prevent skips or overlaps which may result in turf damage or costly reapplication.

☑ Properly calibrate spray equipment to ensure chemicals are applied at the recommended label rates. Inaccurate application rates may result in reduced control or turf damage.

☑ Post-emergent herbicides should be applied at low spray pressure (15-30psi) to reduce the drift potential and increase chemical coverage of the leaf surface.

☑ Repeat applications may often be necessary following initial chemical control. Careful monitoring of post application English Daisy populations is an important step in successful weed management. Evaluating control provides you with some basis for scheduling secondary applications, as well as determining the success of your chemical control program.

In conjunction with the use of chemicals for the control of English Daisy, we must always be aware of the role healthy turf plays in weed management. Proper fertilization, irrigation, and

culture practices such as aerification, verticutting, and mowing, all contribute to the development of dense, weed-free turf.

In the final analysis, the measure of success of a pest management program is often the result of the inclusion, or exclusion, or these factors. With the cost of chemicals, the demand for "perfect" playing conditions, and the concern for the health of the public and the environment, it's your responsibility to ensure that all chemical applications are made with forethought, applied safely, and produce the maximum results.

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