This annual project is a collection of information from more than 20 weed scientists in the United States. Each year the content will build, be updated, and get more specific. The purpose is to gather the most current data on herbicide use and application for the user.

Reader input to this annual project is welcome. Comments or experiences from readers will also be included in the Guide the following year. Write to Weeds Trees & Turf magazine, 757 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017.

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First the drought, and now a tight economy, have forced some compromises in weed control programs. The exercise of working within restrictions has been a constructive one showing us alternatives we never sought to find.

The result is a landscape manager who thinks for himself in adjusting herbicide programs to fit local conditions. To accomplish this he needs to know more about herbicidal characteristics, target weeds, and environmental factors that affect control results.

The weed control product manufacturer has also responded to local needs with state labels for more herbicides and products designed to place herbicides where they are most effective. Expanded labels for existing herbicides have proven very useful to the landscape industry.

Changes are taking place which go beyond short term solutions to drought and economic conditions. Native vegetation is being planted where management of higher maintenance vegetation proved costly and time consuming. Native shrubs, wildflowers, and native grasses have allowed landscape managers the time and resources to concentrate on areas requiring regular maintenance.

Vegetation does not have to be native to perform aggressively in a particular region. Renovation of turf areas to more vigorous cultivars may solve a recurring weed encroachment problem. Weeds generally get a foothold by seeding or vegetative spreading while desired grasses are dormant or thinned by mismanagement.

Landscape managers in the transition zone, and even the southern cool season region are switching to improved tall fescues and zoysia-grass to maintain hardiness in the summer heat. Southern landscape managers find overseeding and herbicide applications during winter dormancy help to protect desired species from weed encroachment. Advances in seed production and viability for zoysia-grass and centipedegrass may make renovation to these species more practical.

These are not the only alternatives by any means. Attention to mowing height, irrigation, soil pH, drainage, and compaction can assure the best defense against weeds, a dense, healthy turf. Other factors to consider are air circulation, shade conditions, and slope.

Some locations are simply too harsh for turfgrass to succeed and should be converted to a more realistic form of vegetation or the site altered to fit the needs of the turfgrass. Maintaining a good turf cover under trees and shrubs is often impractical. Parking islands in asphalt lots are generally too harsh for turfgrass survival and impractical for maintenance. Alternate landscape plans are needed for such areas.

One of the biggest maintenance headaches is weed control in ornamental displays. Shrubs, flowers, and groundcovers require much more maintenance than turf. Advances in preemergence and longer residual selective herbicides for container and bedding ornamentals provide some maintenance efficiency for these important landscape elements.

Nonselective weed control around fences, structures and plants has not changed appreciably except for the rapid, systemic properties of glyphosate (Roundup, Kleenup). The loss of silvex has caused some adjustment in clearance weed control.

Weeds
The problem weed(s) must be identified before effective control can be implemented. Many factors are based upon the specific target weed(s). These include application timing, chemical used, type of control which is most effective (pre- or postemergence), and application method.

The desirable plants must also be identified to avoid damage. For example, use of some preemergence herbicides for turf on fine fescue of bermudagrass may cause noticeable damage and defeat the purpose of weed control from health and appearance standpoints.

In this Guide, we will focus on the primary target weeds and the products that most effectively control them. Usually there are a number of weeds requiring control at one time and herbicides can be combined, such as broadleaf and grassy weeds in turf. There are very few one solution cures to standard weed control problems. Thought and planning are necessary. The primary distinction between weeds for control purposes is whether they are grasses (monocots) or broadleaf weeds (dicots). Herbicides designed for use against grassy weeds will be ineffective on broadleaf weeds. Furthermore, there is a separate set of herbicides for preemergence treatments and postemergence treatments.

Grasses
Bentgrass - A desirable grass in certain locations, creeping bentgrass can encroach on cool season turf consisting of Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, and fine fescue. Bentgrass has extremely small seed and is a major target of seed producers during cleaning to provide seed buyers with certified seed. It is extremely difficult to selectively treat lawns to remove bentgrass.

Bermudagrass - Like bentgrass, bermudagrass encroaches on other desired grasses, but mainly in the South. This extremely hardy grass can outperform other warm season turfgrasses, even where it is not wanted. Bermudagrass is sensitive to a number of preemergence herbicides.

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Crabgrass - The number one spoiler of turf in many areas, crabgrass is an annual spreading grass. As a result, a great deal of research has gone into its control with much success. A properly timed preemergence program can effectively control crabgrass.

Tall Fescue - A course, hardy bunch grass, tall fescue damages the appearance of cool season turf. Tall fescue’s drought tolerance and low fertilization requirement give it the advantage over cool season grasses. These same characteristics have led to selection of fine leaf types of tall fescue for low maintenance and transition zone turf.

Nutsedge - Yellow nutsedge is a major weed problem of turf. The perennial weed reproduces from seed and underground tubers. The yellow appearance of nutsedge makes it stand out in otherwise green turf. Systemic herbicides are required to kill the tubers.

Poa annua - Persistent seedheads and blotches of summer-killed annual bluegrass make this a weed in the summer in the north and in the winter in the south. This weed thrives in well fertilized, irrigated, and low cut turf. Its light green color and white seedheads are easily spotted. Much effort is spent on trying to control this weed, mainly in preemergence applications.

Some success has been had with postemergence control of annual bluegrass in dormant bermudagrass fairways.

Quackgrass - This perennial grassy weed spreads vigorously by rhizomes and is extremely hard to control. Spot treatment with non-selective herbicides is often the only solution. Quackgrass is usually present when topsoil came from rural areas, such as in new home lawns.

Broadleaf Weeds

Black Medic - Occasionally confused with clover, black medic is an annual legume. It is common throughout the U.S. and has small yellow flowers.

Buckhorn - Present in many low budget lawns and mow-only turf areas of parks, buckhorn has a taproot that defies hand weeding. This perennial broadleaf resembles plantain.

Common Chickweed - This annual spreading weed of shady, moist areas has a white flower and light green foliage.
Mouse-Ear Chickweed - The perennial version of chickweed, prefers open sun and also has white flowers.

Clover - This perennial broadleaf embarrasses turf managers with large pink flowers in the spring and tan patches of dead foliage in the summer.

Dandelion - This perennial, famous for its taproot and yellow flower, is a dead give-a-way to neighbors with poor lawn maintenance. All children flock to lawns with the puffy seedheads in late spring.

Ground Ivy - This perennial can dominate in poor, shady soil. A member of the mint family, this aggressive spreader hugs the ground and produces a purple flower.

Henbit - Taller than ground ivy, despite purple flowers and scallop-shaped leaves, henbit is a winter annual most noticeable in early spring.

Red Sorrel - This tenacious perennial has arrow-shaped leaves and spreads by roots and rhizomes. It can quickly overtake desirable turf weakened by acid soil.

Spurge - The leaves contain a spot in the center of the upper surface. The seed of this heavy seed producer germinates in the early spring. The spreading branches of this annual when broken contain a milky substance.

Sow Thistle - This annual has flowers similar to dandelion but its leaves have spines on the edges and deeper indentations.

Lambsquarter - A summer annual of large size if not mowed, lambsquarter foliage is light green.

Turf Herbicides
Once a weed is identified as grassy or broadleaf, and possibly winter or summer annual, control methods are narrowed down. Different sets of chemicals are used for preemergence or postemergence control of each type. Location of the weed also determines the chemical used.

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The primary preemergence herbicides for grassy and broadleaf weeds in turf are benefin (Balan), bensulide (Betasan, Betamec-4, Pre-San), DCPA (Dacthal), oxadiazon (Ronstar), and siduron (Tuper-san). Siduron is the only preemergence herbicide that can be applied near time of seeding. Bensulide and DCPA can be applied in the spring following a fall seeding. Benefin and oxadiazon should be applied to established turf. Bensulide can affect rooting of existing bermudagrass, and caution is advised for use of most preemergence herbicides on bermudagrass greens.

Thinning of fine fescue turf and stands of overseeded cool-season grasses in the South have been reported. A list of grasses safe for preemergence application follows.

| Benefin | Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, fescue, bermudagrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustine zoysia |
| Bensulide | perennial bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, fescue, bentgrass, bermudagrass, bahiagrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustine zoysia |
| DCPA | well-established lawn grasses, caution for some bentgrasses |
| Oxadiazon | perennial bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, bermudagrass, St. Augustine |
| Siduron | perennial bluegrass, fescue, perennial ryegrass, certain bentgrasses, zoysia |

Preemergence herbicides should be watered in to get the chemical to the seed prior to germination and should remain effective for six to eight weeks.

Timing of application is critical. Check with local extension for precise dates for application.

The primary postemergence herbicides for grassy weeds in turf are the arsonates; CMA, DSMA, MAMA and MSMA. These chemicals have no residual toxicity so more than one application is required for good control. Treated areas can be seeded after two weeks.

Arsonates should not be used on centipedegrass, St. Augustine, or carpetgrass. Bentgrass and fescue are more sensitive to the arsonates than other grasses. CMA is the safest for use on bentgrass.

Weed foliage should be sprayed while still young (2 to 3 leaf stage). Any discoloration of desired turf-grasses may be remedied by irrigation. Effectiveness of the arsonates improves with temperature and rates may need to be increased for temperatures under 80 degrees F.

The primary postemergence herbicides for broadleaf weeds are 2,4-D, dicamba (Banvel), and MCPP. The herbicides should not be applied until a new lawn has had at least three mowings. The target weeds should be actively growing for best results. The temperature should be at least 60 degrees F. Applications during extreme heat or drought can severely damage desirable turf.

Again, consult your local extension agent for precise application timing. At least two treatments are generally necessary. Wait four weeks between treatments. Winter annuals can be sprayed early in the year, followed by summer annuals and perennials. Fall treatment for perennials is possible. When consulting the extension agent, take samples of the target weeds for identification and timing advice.

Often postemergence broadleaf herbicides are combined. Trimec and Trex-san are combinations of all three. Weed-B-Gon is 2,4-D and MCPP. Super-D Weedone and Banvel + 2,4-D are dicamba, 2,4-D combinations.

Specialty Herbicides

Weeds in turf that seem to defy standard treatments, such as Poa annua, nutsedge, and goosegrass, require extra effort and specialty herbicides in some situations.

Poa annua is the most prevalent weed on golf courses in the U.S. In cool, moist climates it will dominate fairways if uncontrolled. This prolific seed producer also invades overseeded turf in the South.

Benefin, bensulide, and DCPA are used preemergence against Poa, but fall treatment with preemergence also disrupts seeding of desirable grasses. Glyphosate and metribuzin (Sencor 50W) have been used to stop annual bluegrass in dormant bermudagrass. Pronamide (Kerb) and Endothal have provided postemergence control of Poa annua in bermudagrass. These treatments for Poa annua are also effective against chickweed, henbit, and other broadleaf weeds.

Nutsedge can be controlled with 2,4-D and the arsonates. However, a special label was granted for control of yellow nutsedge with bentazon (Basagran) in established turf.

Goosegrass and crabgrass control in bermudagrass has been helped with a state local need labels for metribuzin (Sencor 50W). Tests at North Carolina State have shown metribuzin as a postemergent controls Poa annua, chickweed, and henbit. Some bermudagrasses are partly sensitive to metribuzin. Preemergence treatments of oxadiazon are effective against goosegrass.

Preplant Control

Since many weed headaches are caused by weed seed present in the soil at planting, soil fumigation can prevent problems later. Insects and fungi are controlled at the same time.
Methyl bromide (Dowfume), metham (Vapam), dazomet (Mylone) and Vorlex are used for preplant fumigation. Residues can delay seeding up to three weeks or more. Fumigants are applied to loose soil. Lately, glyphosate (Roundup) has provided a faster alternative to fumigants, however, it controls only living plants, not seeds, fungi, or insects. Other nonselective herbicides for grasses are amitrole, cacodylic acid (Phytar), and dalapon. Glyphosate and cacodylic acid are deactivated within seven days, whereas amitrole and dalapon can remain active for four to six weeks.

Ornamental Weed Control
The emphasis on weed control in landscape displays is more on preplant and accurate application of nonselective herbicides than selective herbicides. Some of the preplant and preemergence herbicides can affect bulbs so be sure to read labels carefully for restrictions and uses. In addition to benisulide, DCPA, and oxadiazon, are many other preemergence and preplant products not used for turf. They include chloramben, chlorpropham (Furlo), dichlobenil (Casoran), diphenamid (Dymid, Enide), EPTC (Eptam), oryzalin (Surflan), pronamide (Kerb), trifluralin (Treflan), and simazine (Princep). For certain landscapes, you may want to fumigate prepared soil three weeks prior to planting with metham (Vapam), methyl bromide (Dowfume), dazomet (Mico-Fume), or Vorlex. Extra caution is required with use of fumigants. Both fumigants and preemergence and preplant materials must be soaked in or mixed with the soil for control. Glyphosate (Roundup) and paraquat can be applied prior to planting on a nonselective basis. These same herbicides can be used with rope wick applicators for postemergence control of weeds. Since it has little or no residual toxicity, paraquat can be mixed with other herbicides (simazine, oryzalin) for extended control.

The primary postemergent herbicides for ornamentals are Devrinol (fall application best), diphenamid (Enide), oryzalin (Surflan), oxadiazon (Ronstar), simazine (Princep), and trifluralin (Treflan). These herbicides should only be applied under no or very low wind conditions, granular products should not be applied over wet foliage, and all products should be watered in. Few landscape planting contain one type of plant and each plant should be judged for sensitivity to a number of herbicides. Postemergent herbicide toxicity changes with temperature as well.

Brush Control
The list of herbicides for brush control is much longer than for turf or ornamental weed control. The main concern is control of spray

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drift. Combinations offer the best control in most cases. Products sold in combination formulations simplify handling and mixing since compatibility problems have been solved in manufacturing (such as Trimec where the formulation process eliminates the tendency for 2,4-D or MCPP to crystallize out of solution). Manufacturers add surfactants to some products to improve product performance and adherence. Some of these combinations are Amizine (amitrole and

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Summary of herbicide treatments on control of weeds in turfgrasses in Georgia. (B.J. Johnson)

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| T = Tolerance; safe to use herbicide at recommended rates.
| S = Sensitive; Do not use this herbicide.
| S-l = Intermediately tolerant; use herbicide with care since grass may be injured.
| *Tolerant to herbicides when turfgrass is dormant.
| **Includes mecoprop and/or dicamba. |
simazine), various Banvel combinations (dicamba plus), Broadside (MSMA and cacodylic acid), Chlor-rea (sod, sodium chlorate, diuron), Dowpon (dalapon and sodium TCA), Fenamine (amitrole, fenac, atrazine), Hopkins Rout G-8 (bromacil and diuron), Krovar (bromacil and diuron), MonDak (MSMA and dicamba), Pramitol 5PS (prometon, simazine, chlorate), Tordon (picloram and 2,4-D), Urox (monuron and TCA), Veggemec (prometon and 2,4-D), Weedmaster (dicamba and 2,4-D), and Weedone (2,4-D and dichlorprop). See list for separate brush control herbicides.

Equipment and Methods
The greatest advances in equipment and methods have come from nurserymen and lawn care companies. These were adapted mainly from agriculture, such as the rope wick applicator and irrigation injection. One specialized technique currently being tried by Chem-Lawn is a helicopter-mounted canister of specialty herbicide which can be injected into the spray hose at the site by the operator. When needed for a special situation, the applicator can easily inject a proportioned amount of chemical into the flow of the spray at the gun.

The need or usefulness of chemicals has not diminished. Integrated pest management programs have not eliminated the need for landscape pesticides. If anything, it has improved the use of chemicals and put decision-making more in the hands of the applicator instead of the manufacturer. The safety of chemicals has been enhanced by this, especially for restricted use products applied by certified applicators. Chemicals, such as the phenoxy's, are safer than ever in the hands of trained personnel.

Brush Control Herbicides

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Lakeshore Eqpt. & Supply Co.
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