WEEDWATCH

STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH



LARGE HOP CLOVER

Trifolium campestre

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- > This winter annual has trifoliate leaves similar to white clover (see March, page 46).
- > Leaflets have prominent veins, with the terminal leaflet on a short stem.
- > Short, hairy, slender stems are reddish in color and have a tendency to sprawl.
- > Bright yellow flowers grow in clusters; each produces a single seed.

CONTROL TIPS

- Apply a post-emergent herbicide when clover is young and actively growing. All clover species are particularly susceptible to products containing clopyralid or fluroxypyr.
- > Good turf maintenance ensures a thick stand of grass and will help keep clover from recurring. Consider adjusting your fertility program to include more nitrogen and less phosphorous.



DANDELION

Taraxacum officinale

IDENTIFICATION TIPS

- > This perennial weed thrives in weak, thin turf.
- > Bright yellow blossoms have many petals, followed by puffball seed carriers.
- > Long, hairless leaves have jagged teeth growing from a low rosette.
- > Leafless, hollow stems emit a white milky sap when broken.

CONTROL TIPS

- > A post-emergent application of two-, three- or four-way broadleaf herbicides are most effective in spring or fall.
- Thick, healthy turf is important for managing this weed species. Properly mow, water and fertilize lawn to encourage healthy growth and minimize thin turf.

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