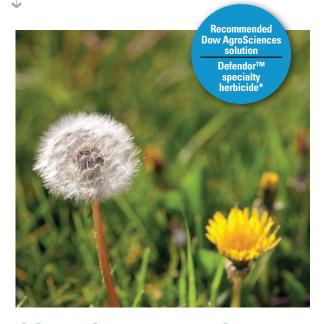
# WEEDWATCH

STANDING SENTINEL TO PROTECT PLANT HEALTH



## **COMMON DANDELION**

Taraxacum officinale

### **IDENTIFICATION TIPS**

- This perennial overwinters as a small rosette of leaves. Seedlings grow from a taproot, and begin to emerge in early spring when soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F.
- > Solitary, bright yellow blossoms grow on the end of leafless, hollow stalks that emit a white milky sap when broken.
- It produces a puffball seedhead shortly after mowing, and seeds are easily dispersed by wind.
- > Dandelions prefer moist conditions and soils but thrive in weak, thin turf.

## **CONTROL TIPS**

- > For early-season control of weeds that overwintered, apply a labeled, postemergent herbicide to turf early in the spring when temperatures are still cool.
- > Properly mow, water and fertilize lawns to encourage healthy growth and minimize thin turf.
- > Florasulam can be applied when the first fertilizer and liquid preemergent applications of the season are made.



## RED CLOVER

Trifolium pratense

#### **IDENTIFICATION TIPS**

- > This cool-season, perennial legume grows from a fibrous root system and is found across the U.S.
- > Stiff, hairy stems root at the nodes, causing this weed to grow erect.
- > Each leaf consists of three elliptical leaflets, with a light green or white V-shaped watermark.
- > Round pink to purple flower heads, made up of many small flowers, grow on flower stalks.

#### **CONTROL TIPS**

- As with any turfgrass weed, proper cultural maintenance of the lawn will greatly reduce the prevalence and presence of this weed. Properly mow, fertilize and water lawns to encourage healthy turf.
- > When red clover is actively growing, apply a postemergent, systemic herbicide that will move from the treated foliage throughout the plant and into the extensive root system to completely control this weed—roots and all.

For more information regarding these and other turf weeds — and related control technologies and tips — please visit www.DowProvesIt.com or call 800/255-3726.



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