Effects of Edging Herbicide Treatments on Bermudagrass and Woody Ornamentals

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Because Bermudagrass grows and spreads rapidly, it creates an edging problem along sidewalks, curbs, fences and around ornamentals. Control of bermudagrass spread without injury to woody ornamentals in these areas has been investigated using glyphosate, and dalapon.

From ninety to ninety-five percent control of bermudagrass is common for periods of two months. Highest bermudagrass control with glyphosate requires that the grass must be green at the time of treatment. Paraquat severely injuries bermudagrass for two to three weeks but it fully recovers after two months. Thus, chemical edging with paraquat requires more frequent applications than glyphosate or dalapon.

In test around andorra juniper, dwarf burfordi holly, Japanese holly, Youpon holly, red tip photinia, pyracantha, flowering cherry, and flowering dogwood, no injury was noted from applications of glyphosate, dalapon or paraquat directly under the foliage. Glyphosate and dalapon applied at four week intervals gave good control of bermudagrass. Paraquat applied seven times during the growing season did not adequately control bermudagrass.

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It Isn't Easy

To apologize, To begin over, To be unselfish. To take advice, To admit error. To face a sneer, To be charitable. To keep on trying, To be considerate, To avoid mistakes, To forgive and forget, To think and then act. To keep out of a rut, To make the best of time, To shoulder a deserved blame, To recognize the silver lining, ...BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS!



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