Weed and disease control for ornamentals

The one single most important responsibility of the landscape manager is preserving the intended impact of the landscape design. Each plant has its place and purpose. Rising labor costs have made hand work previously necessary for proper design preservation and weed control impractical. The choice becomes one of fewer plant beds or replacing labor with preemergence ornamental herbicides.

Labor-saving tricks used by nurserymen for years are now spreading into landscape maintenance. Season-long control of grassy and broadleaf weeds in more than 150 species of ornamentals is possible with *Surflan* and *Treflan*®.

Surflan is a sprayable formulation that is safe to apply over the top of ornamentals. *Treflan* is a granular formulation offering the most economical control of annual grass and broadleaf weeds in ornamentals. Considerable labor savings result from the use of these pre-emergence herbicides in ornamentals.

"I use *Surflan* and *Treflan* in our flower beds," notes Joe Volk of Alliance Country Club, Alliance, Ohio. "We have no weeds in our beds, so I know that they're working. Their efficiency has saved us a lot of time and money."

Weed control may preserve the landscape design, but disease control preserves the sensitive plants sometimes used in landscape architecture. One of the most devastating diseases of ornamentals is powdery mildew. Dust wettable powder fungicide formulations are an unsightly solution to powdery

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mildew control in that the cure is almost worse than the disease.

Locally systemic fungicides, such as *Rubigan EC,* are rapidly absorbed and utilized by ornamentals to prevent and control powdery mildew. *Rubigan's* long residual activity eliminates the need for weekly fungicide applications common with many fungicides. Without damage to ornamentals and roses by powdery mildew, they remain as beautiful as they are popular.

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