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build a barrier against weeds: the time to act is now

PUT A CAP ON CRABGRASS WITH PRE-EMERGENT

Right now, just below the surface of your lawn, the enemy is preparing for battle. Thousands of weed seeds have been waiting out the winter and are now prepared to break for the surface this spring. The best way to get a jump on these culprits is with a pre-emergent herbicide weed control.

Timing is everything

Pre-emergent weed control must be applied before weeds have a chance to sprout. Once it's watered in, a pre-emergent is designed to stay right at the surface of the soil. It truly acts as a block or barrier that doesn't allow the weed seeds to break through all season long.

Weed problem solved before it's even started!

Pre-emergent weed control is especially effective in controlling crabgrass, hard-to-control annual weeds like spotted spurge, and grassy weeds like annual bluegrass. These annual weeds can only spread by seeds.

All soil has hundreds of thousands of weed seeds in it. So, even if you controlled crabgrass last season, it truly is an ongoing battle. New seeds are still below the soil ready to sprout unless you put a cap on them now with an effective pre-emergent.

Caution: Because pre-emergents will not allow any type of seed to reach the surface, be sure to avoid applying it in areas where new grass seed that you want to grow is planted.

Total program for total control

Of course, pre-emergent weed control is only one part of complete weed control.

Broadleaf weeds, for instance, must be treated after they sprout. And the best defense against any weed invasion is a

thick, healthy turf, grown with plenty of food and water, that leaves no room for weedy outsiders.

This spring, eliminate your weeding work before it has to start with a pre-emergent. Lay down your layer of protection right now. Give us a call today for more information on pre-emergent and other weed control.



Key Points

- Crabgrass should be treated early.
- Don't seed over spring treatment.
- Keep lawn thick to control weeds.

FIRST THINGS FIRST



GETTING SET FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

- **Clean up.** It's time to clear away whatever the winter left behind: leaves in planting beds or sticks and branches. Cut back any perennials that were left in the fall.
- **Turn over.** Got compost? Now is a good time to turn it. This speeds up how quickly it will be ready to use.
- **Dig in.** Beds should receive a clean, new edge and soil should be turned if possible. It's a great time to work in some of that compost or other organic matter.
- **Plan for planting.** Got plans for some new trees, shrubs or flowers? Make a list of favorites to check out. As far as lawn planting goes, late summer or early fall is usually best.



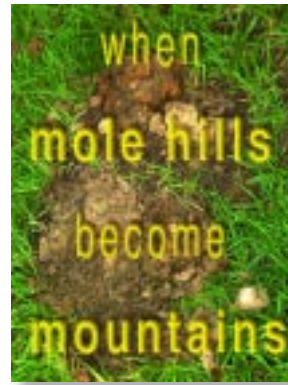
OUR TOP PICKS IN THE MOST POPULAR LANDSCAPE PLANTS

Here are a few of our favorite, top-selling landscape plants that have stood the test of time for durability, flexibility and looks.

- **Taxus or yews** – Plants grow in full sun or shade, tolerating heavy pruning and pollution.
- **Holly** – Attractive berries and more than 400 varieties are great for foundations or low hedges in sun or partial shade.
- **Hostas** – Attractive foliage and a wealth of flowers make these great groundcovers or backdrops.
- **Serviceberry tree** – Offers a beautiful white spring flower display.
- **Aristocrat/Flowering Pear** – This medium-sized, spring-flowering tree boasts excellent fall color.
- **Dwarf Fountain Grass** – This gracefully arching grass produces long-lasting plumes.
- **Japanese barberry** – This deciduous shrub leafs out early in spring and offers bright berries into winter.
- **Day Lily** – This multi-colored, continuous-blooming perennial offers color from spring to fall.
- **Euonymus** - Perfect as a background or hedge, this grows quickly even in harsh conditions. There are many varieties offering brilliant fall colors.
- **Junipers** – One of the hardiest plants, there is a variety to fit almost any situation.
- **Spirea** – This reliable performer grows best in sun and provides summer blooms.



With so many varieties available even with these tried and true favorites, your landscape can be as individual as your unique tastes. Let your imagination grow as you work some of these dependable performers into your own special look!



TREATMENTS ARE
AVAILABLE BUT TRAPS
ARE OFTEN QUICKER

Tell-tale tunnels of dirt criss-cross your lawn, letting you know moles are active. More than a nuisance, moles can cause significant damage.

Moles dig about 15 feet per hour, looking for grubs, insects and worms. A mole can eat its full body weight (about four ounces) each day; they have been known to tunnel as much as 300 feet in a single night.

Tunnels make a mess of lawns, disturb seedlings, and sever roots of many plants.

These pests can be difficult to drive away.

Many kinds of traps are available and can be placed on the surface above tunnels. To determine if a mole is still using a tunnel, push in a small area with your foot. If it's rebuilt the next morning, that's a good place to try a trap.

Moles often live in groups, so it's a good idea to keep after them even after a few are caught.

For more on keeping moles from destroying your lawn, give us a call today.



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Contest Corner

Enter to win on-line...it's easy!

1. Visit our prize center at www.yourprize.net and enter the **Contest Code** found in the masthead of this newsletter.
2. Enter the **Prize Code: B1Grill02**.
3. Complete the brief entry form and you're in!

Complete contest rules are available at www.yourprize.net



This "Steelman Deluxe" weather-resistant, freestanding gas grill from Straubel Stone features stainless steel construction, two high-grade stainless steel burners with dual burner controls, a rotisserie, a flavor tray, and electronic ignition. Heavy duty porcelain-coated cooking grills offer easy cleaning, and an efficient new burner design means less propane refills for you!

MSR Price is \$1,050.

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Does not include LP tank. Some assembly required.

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