

Proper herbicide use leads to a great lawn

This time of year, we begin getting questions from homeowners about controlling weeds in their lawns.

There are two characteristics of herbicide that are important to understand — selectivity and persistence.

In terms of selectivity, you need to choose between an herbicide that selects for broadleaf plants (as opposed to grasses) and an herbicide that will kill any plant it comes in contact with. Dicamba and 2,4-D are broadleaf-selective herbicides that, at appropriate rates, target broadleaf weeds and leave grasses alone.

Both are best used when weeds are growing and active.

Persistence refers to how long after an application an herbicide will continue to suppress weed germination, emergence and growth. Neither Dicamba nor 2,4-D are especially persistent.

But if you take 15 minutes every weekend in the summer to walk around your lawn and spot-spray weeds with these chemicals, it is well worth the time invested.

There are many herbicides for agricultural use that offer persistent control of broadleaf weeds. However, these products are not labeled for lawn use.



ON THE LAWN

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If a homeowner were to make a mistake, there could be a bare patch in the yard that you would have to live with for years. For this reason, I would advise the amateur to avoid the purchase and use of persistent herbicides for lawns.

Roundup (glyphosate) is the most common broad-spectrum herbicide used on lawns and yards. It is a great tool for knocking down weeds growing in gravel or cracks. Do not use Glyphosate in your lawn or you will kill your grass and more weeds will take over.

Roundup begins to deactivate as soon as it touches soil. You will only control the plant that you have applied it to. To get season-long control and to suppress a seedbed of weed growth, try Imazapyr.

A spring application of Imazapyr on a gravel pad should suppress weeds all season long. Again, if you make a mistake with Imazapyr, you will have

to live with it for a long time.

Double-check that you are applying at the proper rate and that you are avoiding spray drift when using this chemical. Lastly, do not spray Imazapyr under the drip line of trees and shrubs.

These easy-to-use products containing the above chemicals are available at Grain Growers and Ace Hardware.

Broadleaf Selective: Ortho Weed-B-Gone, Green Thumb Lawn Weed Killer
Broad-Spectrum Short-Persistence: Roundup, Green Thumb Weed and Grass Killer

Broad-Spectrum Long-Persistence: Ortho Ground Clear, Green Thumb Vegetation Killer

Remember, herbicide is only one part of a toolkit needed to get your lawn looking good weed-free. Proper seeding, watering, and fertilizing are all essential components to achieving that thick mat of green grass to enjoy throughout the summer.

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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Backyard Gardens CSA resumes weekly deliveries

Beth Gibans' Backyard Gardens will resume its popular CSA (community-supported agriculture) program for residents of Wallowa County in June. People who sign up for the CSA receive a box of fresh, homegrown vegetables each week throughout the 20-week growing season.

Backyard Gardens, located in Joseph, began the program in 2008 as a way to encourage agriculture by paying farmers upfront to grow produce throughout the season. In exchange, members receive a box of fresh seasonal produce each week.

Produce is delivered to locations in Enterprise and Joseph, with possible arrangements for Lower Valley deliveries.

Both large share and small share sizes are available. Each large share box should feed two to four people depending on appetites. A small share will feed one to two people.

Gibans also offers a farmers market CSA. Through that program, people who pay upfront will get credit to buy produce at a discount either at the farmers' market or through

weekly email orders.

"A CSA is a great way for farmers and eaters to support each other," Gibans said. "We love sharing the bounty with our customers, and they are thrilled with the variety and freshness of what's in season."

The program is ideal for people who like to cook and enjoy being creative with a variety of seasonal produce. People who opt for weekly deliveries also get the added benefit of receiving produce without having to shop.

The cost of membership averages around \$25 per week for the large share, \$18 for the small share. Vegetables include salad mix, spinach, broccoli, beets, carrots, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, basil, peppers, zucchini and winter squash. The variety and quantity of produce increases through the season. Weekly shares of salad mix and cut flowers are also available.

For more information, or to sign up for one of the CSAs, email Gibans at beth@backyardgardensjoseph.com, sign up online at www.backyardgardensjoseph.com or call 541-398-0707.

City authorizes fire company, first meeting held

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO APRIL 26, 1917

• The first road in the county to receive state and federal aid probably will be that to Flora, from Enterprise. The county is to expend \$5,000 and the state and federal governments, \$20,000, for permanent work on this thru highway.

• The enlistment fever quite captured Wallowa and Joseph during the week, both towns sending out generous delegations of boys. Before leaving home Tuesday afternoon, the Joseph boys were entertained at a dinner at the Jennings hotel.

• Any persons having lots that can be used for garden purposes, or wishing lots to put in garden, are requested to report to A.C. Miller, chairman of the local preparedness committee. It is desired to raise something on every piece of vacant land.

70 YEARS AGO May 1, 1947

• After computation of the grades of the entire senior class of Enterprise High School for their four years, Supt. Coleman announces that Nancy Coffin



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These young men were part of the first group of county residents to volunteer for World War I.

has the highest four-year average.

• The local delegation which went to Portland last week to consult with highway officials concerning completion of the Enterprise-Lewiston highway returned with assurances that the highway would be completed and contracts let before summer.

• George Zacharias, 66, was killed Saturday night shortly before midnight when a car driven by Albert Matti, 26, went off the road and upset on the east side of the new athletic field south of the Enterprise

high school.

• One of the most successful and enjoyable social affairs ever given in Enterprise was the reception, sponsored by the grade school teachers and the PTA, honoring Mrs. Daisy L. Scott, for 27 consecutive years of teaching in the Enterprise school, held last Friday evening in the parlors of the Community church.

50 YEARS AGO April 27, 1967

• Photo: Members of the Enterprise Girl Scout troops made their contribution to the Cancer

Crusade when they passed out material to help with the battle against cancer. Pictured are: Carol Southwick, Gail Aschenbrenner, Lorraine Hawkins, Diana Jones, Marnee Southwick, Karen Peterson, Victoria Hawkins and Mrs. Jo Craft.

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