

A Really Good Way To Get Ahead Of Crabgrass And Other Nasty Spring Weeds



Why do we use a pre-emergent? The usage is to prevent and control germination of unwanted annual grass or weed seeds in our lawns, flower beds or gardens. Pre-emergents have a long active life time and can stop most any kind of seed from germinating. Because of this long activity, if you are planning to sow seeds in your lawn or to plant seeds in a garden, you must carefully plan when you put down a pre-emergent. If you plan on using a pre-emergent in your vegetable garden or around fruit trees, you must carefully double check the brand or type of pre-emergent your using for some cannot be used around edible plants. Also remember that pre-emergent herbicides are not "weed killers", but are a "weed preventers", so you have to get ahead of the germination process..

There are many different types of annual weeds and there are several times of the year that pre-emergent application can be used to stop their germination. It is important that you identify what type of weed(s) are problematic, then check to find out when a pre-emergent application should be made. Correctly applying a pre-emergent herbicide is as important as knowing which weed we want to prevent. And, if a granular product is used, be sure to water it in with about 1/4 - 1/2" of water very soon after application so a proper soil surface barrier is created. Because pre-emergents will vary depending on the types of weeds and the application procedures, it is very important that the label instructions are read and followed very carefully.