

Preventing Fall Weeds

You know what will be here before you know it? LSU football! And you know what will be right behind that? Fall weeds in your lawn and landscape. I always recommend that sometime before the first LSU football game you apply this chemical to your lawn and landscape to prevent a new crop of weeds from popping up.

Hi-Yield's Turf and Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper, containing Dimension, is the chemical that you need! If you've been around the Baton Rouge gardening scene for any amount of time, you've likely seen or used this chemical.

It is a granular product that you apply via a push spreader in the lawn, and a hand spreader in your landscape beds. Always follow the directions on the bag for the appropriate rate & the appropriate setting to use depending on your spreader. This product will need to be watered in after applied. If you time it right, put it out right before we get a light rain, and then you won't have to worry about setting up or running your sprinklers afterward.

Some reasons to use caution when applying this chemical:

If you plan to overseed your lawn with rye grass this winter, DO NOT apply Dimension. Dimension prevents new weed seeds from germinating, but you know what? It doesn't know the difference from a weed seed and a grass seed.

Similarly, if you choose to use this product in your landscape beds, make sure you're not putting it out in an area where you plan to plant flowers from seeds. It will prevent those seeds from germinating as well. Do not use this product on or around edible plants. Ornamentals only!

While one use of Dimension will help control the weeds in your lawn and landscape, routine applications are most effective. Ideally you should apply the product on approximately 4-month intervals. Once now (August), once again in late January, and then again in late May. The idea is to prevent the next season's weeds from germinating. So, in January, you are preventing spring weeds. In May you're preventing summer weeds, and in August, you are preventing fall and winter weeds. Those dates can vary, use them as a general guideline.

Lawn and landscape weed prevention is maintenance. Don't expect one application of any chemical to catch everything or cure everything. A combination of efforts your best attempt to preventing weeds. Keeping your lawn well fertilized, spraying a post-emergent spray AND applying a pre-emergent product, like Dimension, are the perfect combination for weed suppression in the lawn.