

Pest Management News

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Accidents Happen: Even To The “Experts”

This past weekend my wife and I were working in the yard, this included: mowing, weeding the flowerbeds and garden, and of course because I’m me, edging and spraying round trees with a nice stout mix of glyphosate “Roundup®”. I wanted to share the pictures below in a sort of sequential order as best I can figure it out. At some point, in my one, that’s right only one, gallon pump up sprayer the hose popped of the tank. I assume I had the pressure pumped up a bit too high, but also it was kind of old so who knows. First as you can see in the photos, I left I nice trail of dead grass leading to where I eventually parked my EZ-go club car. Then you can see where it basically sits and drained the tank and rain into my bermudagrass yard.



Nice little train and pattern right....It was not lost on Susan my wife that I am supposed to be the state expert on these things... Anyway, not to worry, in the picture below you can see that the bermudagrass is resilient to glyphosate and is already starting to come back. It

should be back to normal by fall, but I get to look at for a while as you can see its right in front of my driveway.



So, I guess the moral of the story this week is to check your equipment as it gets older. Another good piece of advice is to not leave a pressurized tank of spray solution in the back of your ATV, yes, mine had a little valve that I could have turned to relieve the pressure when not being used.

On a side note, file this under “**buyer beware**”, There are many jugs now labeled roundup in the big box stores like Home Depot and Lowes. Most, if not all these products do not actually contain what you probably think of when someone says roundup. You probably need to go to a farm store or coop to find good old fashioned Roundup or glyphosate concentrate. **Always read the label.** I have delivered some pretty bad news to homeowners that sprayed flowerbeds, gardens, etc. with what they thought was roundup only to find out that it contained other active ingredients that tend to limit garden options severely.