Control Next Spring’s Weeds Now

It’s cold out there for sure, but it’s still a great time to work on the lawn. Winter weeds are up and growing and they need to be taken care of before they flower and disperse seeds. Winter annuals are those that plague our nice, green spring lawns. Chickweed, henbit, hairy bittercress and many others pop up in the spring but when homeowners notice them, it is too late to do anything about them.

Winter annuals sprout in the fall and grow throughout the winter. By late winter and early spring they flower and make seeds. These seeds lie on the ground until next fall and then start the whole cycle again. When hot weather arrives, winter annuals die back on their own, leaving their seeds. Applying an herbicide in the spring doesn’t help the winter annual problem at all because the seeds have already been dispersed.

But, from now until early spring, winter weeds can be sprayed and killed before seeds are formed, breaking the never-ending cycle of winter annual weeds. As long as the day temperature reaches 55 degrees, herbicides will work on actively growing winter weeds. Apply when rain is not expected within twenty-four hours. Weed B Gon Max is just one of the herbicides that can be sprayed on a lawn for these weeds. Read the label for a list of weeds that will be controlled by any herbicide you are considering purchasing.

Take care of winter annuals now while they can still be controlled. It will make your spring lawn free from pesky winter visitors.
New Grower’s Institute

Would you like to take your vacant land and do something with it? The New Grower’s Institute might be just the thing for you. This program is geared toward the new or aspiring farmer, especially those who are interested in selling at farmer’s markets. Join us and learn how to make some extra money growing and selling fresh fruits and vegetables. Cost

Organic Grower's School

Early Bird registration for the 17th Annual OGS Spring Conference is now open.

Join over 1300 farmers, gardeners, activists, and consumers on March 6 & 7, 2010 at the University of North Carolina at Asheville (UNCA) for the southeast's largest sustainable living conference. If you register before February 12th at 5 pm, just $40 per day buys you a general registration, and access to over 60 classes.

Community Garden Beds Available

Applications are being accepted for the Community Garden raised beds located at the Extension office. The beds are 4 feet by 16 feet. If you are interested in having a bed this year, call Joann Crooks at 584-4074.