

Weed Killers

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I feel that I have a remote control button this time of year repeating the same things over and over. I could man the aisles of the box stores right now telling this story but they just keep selling the product knowing this story and selling their products. The main thing is that weed control products do not work until the weather reaches temperatures over 80 degrees.

Fertilizers that have Weed n Feed in them will green the grass but the weed killer is not as effective yet until the weather warms up. Yes, some weeds will die naturally as we get warmer weather but the effect will not be as great as if used in April. Yes, apply the weed control product now and the feed part of it will work now and when the weather warms the weed part will work too. Make sure to use a quality product that has time released qualities though.

Post Emergent Herbicides like Round Up and Image work effectively, again, after the weather is over 80 degrees consistently. You may get some dieback before that but probably at a minimum so don't waste your time or money. If you are mixing your own product, herbicides never work if over mixed, never. If anything, put less concentrate in your container than called for and apply more often for more effectiveness.

Reading the fine print on the labels is really a time when this pays off.

Happy Gardening!

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