

Weed Warrior



Based on your responses, you've earned the title of "Weed Warrior."

We've got some time-tested, pro-level tips that will help you reach your goal of a fine-looking lawn while still protecting kids, pets, and our local waterways.



Weed Warrior characteristics:

- Low tolerance for weeds
- Likely to use combination weed and feed products and/or liquid fertilizer
- Likely to overseed occasionally
- Proud of their lawn!

Here's a few things to consider for the future:

Weed Warriors are likely to be overseeding at least every few years. Be aware that timing is everything.

To maximize your results, overseed annually in fall. The best time is the first couple of weeks of September when soil is still warm but rains are beginning. If you want to level up your

technique, aerate every couple of years, remove thatch as needed, and try raking in $\frac{1}{4}$ " of compost after seeding. This builds soil health and aids germination.

Mulch mowing is also recommended as a simple and free source of fertilizer for your lawn.

Experts don't recommend weed and feed for a variety of reasons. Check out the [Downsides of Weed and Feed short video](#) in our gallery below for more information.



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Consider taking our pledge to try separating your weed control from fertilizing and not using combination weed and feed.

TAKE THE PLEDGE 

A Caution about Liquid Fertilizer

Using a slow-release fertilizer is recommended by turf experts over quick release/liquid types because they last longer and are therefore more available for roots to absorb over time, as they need it. It is also safer for our local waterways.

Conversely, liquid fertilizer is easy to over-apply and “burn” (a.k.a. kill) your lawn. Excess fertilizer or fertilizer applied just before a rain can runoff into streams and rivers.



If you decide to use liquid fertilizer, do so in April when the lawn is growing and there are a few dry days ahead in the weather forecast. Apply carefully so that excess fertilizer does not run off the lawn and get into groundwater, local wells, streams and wetlands.

Overseeding

Turf experts recommend that if you do one additional thing other than mowing or occasional weed control, overseeding in fall as the best way to keep your lawn dense and healthy.

[See our Overseed short video](#), mulch mowing short video, or complete medium maintenance lawn regimen video for more info!

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Our Lawn Care Videos



How to Get Green Grass



Overseeding



The Downsides of Weed & Feed



Benefits of Mulch Mowing?

Awesome Weeding Tools



Stainless Steel Hand Weed Puller



Hori Hori Gardening Knife



Hand Sickle Garden Tool

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Resources Recommended for You:

[Lawn Goals How to Get Green Grass Video](#)

[Mulch Mowing short](#)

[Grass Seed and Ground Cover All Stars](#)

[Fertilizer Fact Page](#)

Still need more advice?

Visit the OSU Extension page, where you'll find a wealth of yard and garden tips.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/ask-extension>