

Which Weedkiller to Use in Home Gardens

Weed	Weedkiller	Comments
Arum Lily	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Bamboo	Amitrole	Spray on to vigorously growing young foliage OR apply to new spears after off tips
Clover	Waste areas - Amitrole or Buster	Spray when in full leaf
Convolvulus	Woody Weedkiller	Spray when in full leaf
Couch - Agripyron	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Couch - Indian Doab	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Docks	Woody Weedkiller	Spray when in full leaf.
Fennel	Woody Weedkiller	Spray when in full leaf, preferably before flowering
Flax	Woody Weedkiller	Most effective when sprayed on vigorous young growth after cutting.
Ginger Plant	Escort	Spray when in full leaf
Gorse	Amitrole or Round Up	Spray when in active growth. Good coverage is essential as is the use of Pulse penetrant.
Grasses (except Indian Doab)	Round Up or Glyphosate	Spray when in full leaf and active growth
Indian Doab	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Ivy	Woody Weedkiller	Apply when in full leaf or paint liberally on the freshly cut stump
Honeysuckle Vine	Woody Weedkiller or Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Kikuyu	Round Up or Glyphosate	Spray when in full leaf
Moss in Lawns	Iron Sulphate or Surrender	Water on with watering can
Moss on Paths	Surrender or 30 Seconds	Water on with watering can
Onion Weed	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Oxalis	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Paspalum	Round Up or Glyphosate	Spray when in full leaf
Periwinkle (Vinca major)	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Privet	Woody Weedkiller	Apply when in full leaf or paint liberally on the freshly cut stump
Toe Toe	Round Up or Glyphosate	Spray when in full leaf
Wandering Jew	Amitrole	Spray when in full leaf
Willows	Woody Weedkiller	Apply when in full leaf or paint liberally on the freshly cut stump

Weed Control in Specific Areas

Waste Areas, Paths & Driveways	Round Up / Gyphosate / Weed Out	Good general purpose. Very cost effective. Does not control clovers, mallows, Indian Doab.
	Buster / Short Cut	Good general purpose. More expensive than Round Up. Does not control tough perennials able to regrow from the roots.
	DAS	A combination of 3 chemicals including a soil weedkiller for long term control. Do not use close to shrubs less than 3 years.
	TAG	A combination of 3 chemicals including a soil weedkiller for long term control. Do not use close to shrubs less than 3 years.
Weeds in Lawns	Turfix / Weed Strike / Turfclean / Butlers Prickle Free	Contains MCPA, MCPP, and Dicamba. Do not use lawn clippings in compost for at least three mowings after treatment.
	Yates Prickleweedkiller	Contains bentazone.
	Hydrocotyle weedkiller	Contains trichlopyr. Do not use lawn clippings in compost for 6 months after treatment
	No Lawn Weeds & Prickleweed	Contains Clopyralid. Do not use lawn clippings in compost for 6 months after treatment
Weeds around trees & shrubs,	Round Up / Glyphosate	Keep off green tissue of desirable plants. See notes above
	Buster / Short Cut	Keep off green tissue of desirable plants. See notes above
	DAS	Keep off green tissue of desirable plants. Do not use around plants less than 3 years old. DO NOT EXCEED RATE
	TAG	Keep off green tissue of desirable plants. Do not use around plants less than 3 years old. DO NOT EXCEED RATE
	Prefix	Take care to observe the correct rate of application per sq m. For best results apply to bare ground - remove foliage first

Notes -

Amitrole is a leaf absorbed, highly translocated weedkiller which is effective against most weeds. It is slow acting and may take many weeks to brown off some weeds such as bamboo, periwinkle and wandering jew. Amitrole works primarily against the regrowth of new shoots thus preventing recovery of the weed. Resistant weeds - buttercup, inkweed, paspalum, kikuyu, tall fescue, ragwort, sedges. Amitrole can have a short soil life of a few days in normal soils, but up to a few weeks in dry sandy soils. It is therefore important to spray sufficiently to wet the leaves but avoid unnecessary run off into the soil. Amitrole can be used around established trees and shrubs, providing care is taken to avoid spraying green tissue of desirable plants. Harmful substance.

Round Up / glyphosate is a leaf absorbed translocated weedkiller effective against most weeds

It is moderate in speed of action, taking about 3 - 6 weeks to brown off.

Resistant weeds - Clover, mallows, sorrel.

Round Up breaks down immediately on contact with the soil, and can therefore be used safely around established plants provided extreme care is taken to avoid spray contacting desirable plants.

Low Toxicity Eco Friendly

Buster / Short Cut is a leaf absorbed contact, weedkiller. (It is not translocated) and is effective against most weeds.

It is reasonably fast acting, browning off most weeds in 2 - 3 weeks. Prunus suckers and raspberry primo canes may take longer.

Resistant weeds include - all perennial weeds capable of regrowing from the root

Buster breaks down immediately on contact with soil. This feature combined with the fact that it is not translocated, makes it a safe weedkiller to use around desirable plants.

Buster is classified a Poison.

Woody Weedkiller is a combination of 2 4 D and Dicamba. It is a leaf absorbed translocated hormone type weedkiller.

It is effective on a wide range of broad leaf and woody weeds. Being a hormone, very small amounts of drift can cause damage to sensitive plants.

In addition, dicamba has a soil life of some months and should not be used in the root zone of young plants, or where planting is to be done.

Resistant plants - grasses

Woody weedkiller is classified PoisonPoison

Yates Turfix / Tui Weed Strike / No Lawn Weeds Turfclean / McGregors Weed Out Lawn are a combination of three translocated hormone weedkillers - dicamba, mcpa and mcpp, to give control of a broad range of weeds in lawns. Hormone weedkillers work by disrupting cell division of plants. Being a hormone weedkiller, small amounts of drift can cause damage to sensitive plants. In addition Dicamba has a soil life of some months. Lawn clippings should not be used in compost for at least three mowings after treatment. Ensure accurate application - the correct amount of weedkiller per square metre.

Yates Prickleweedkiller - (active ingredient - bentazone) is a leaf absorbed weedkiller for control of prickleweed, chickweed and chamomile daisies in lawns. It is absorbed into the leaf but not translocated, where it interrupts photosynthesis. Spray in warm weather when weeds are growing actively. (Sept - Oct). Prickles from prickleweed will still be a problem if application is left too late. Ensure accurate application - the correct amount of weedkiller per square metre.

Yates Hydrocotyl Weed killer - a leaf absorbed hormone weedkiller for hydrocotyl and other difficult weeds in lawns. This product biodegrades slowly. Do not use lawn clippings around plants or use in compost for 6 months after application. Ensure accurate application - the correct amount of weedkiller per square metre.

No Lawn Weeds + Prickleweed - active ingredient - Clopyralid, a leaf absorbed hormone weedkiller. Controls most weeds in lawns. This product biodegrades slowly. Do not use lawn clippings around plants or use in compost for 6 months after application. Ensure accurate application - the correct amount of weedkiller per square metre.

DAS - This product contains three chemicals (dalapon, amitrole, simazine) providing a broad spectrum of control of virtually all weeds together with a residual action in the soil, preventing weeds from germinating for 6 to 12 months depending on rate of application, soil type and rainfall.

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