

Important information about

Your Weed Treatment



Today we treated for weeds in your:

Ornamental beds

Gravel/bareground areas

The treatment consisted of:

Pre-emergence weed control products

Post-emergence weed control products

Please keep people and pets out of the treated area until liquid products have dried.

What to Expect from Today's Application

Visible results from post-emergence may be delayed up to two (2) weeks. If pre-emergence products were also applied, you can expect *four months* of weed germination control. Please water the treated areas 1/2" if it does not rain within a few days (be careful not to form puddles or runoff, please).

For the best control of any future weeds, please leave treated beds undisturbed. You can add rooted plants in the treated beds (no seeds please). Move the top 2" of soil aside, plant, then move the treated soil back. If you decide to plant in the treated beds, please remember that ***any disturbed soil will be more susceptible to weed seed germination.***

If weeds do show up, rather than pulling, spot spray with RoundUp®. It may be tempting to "clean up" the beds by removing the weeds as they die. You will get the best results if the dying weeds are just left to decompose. This will help keep the weed barrier in place.

Keep Your Ornamental Plantings Healthy

It is currently popular to install a plastic weed barrier in ornamental beds before mulching is done. The idea, we assume, is to keep unwanted vegetation from sprouting. More often than not, the plastic barrier does more harm than good. ***A plastic layer beneath the mulch will inhibit oxygen and water movement, commonly causing plants to fail.*** Many plants suffocate or become parched in these conditions. Surface rooted plants such as Rhododendrons and Azaleas are among the most susceptible because of their shallow root systems.

Other adverse effects of plastic barriers include increased root fungus potential and the reduction of the plant's access to nutrients. Wolbert's Inc. highly recommends removing these plastic barriers. Your shrubs and plants will thank you!

Another popular yet problematic weed barrier is the landscape fabric. Landscape fabric usually only lasts one year (if you're lucky). Fabric must be covered with mulch, and weeds will grow in this mulch layer on top of the fabric. The cost, trouble, and short life of landscape fabric make it a poor option in our view.

Thank You!

