

# How to Control Weeds

## Types of Weeds

- Broadleaf: Wide leaves, often with bright flowers (ex: dandelion, clover, plantain).
- Grassy: Round or flat stems and long narrow leaves (ex. hay).

## Types of Chemical Weed Killers

- Selective: Controls only specific weeds. Weed B Gone kills only broadleaf plants but won't harm grass. Use on lawns.
- Non-Selective: Kills any grass or plants it contacts. Use where you need to eliminate all plants, like an interlocking brick patio (product name: Roundup).

## Read the Labels

Follow label directions carefully. They will tell you the following:

- Measuring directions.
- Areas where herbicide can be used.
- Plants to use herbicide on.
- Safety precautions.
- How long to wait before re-entering area.

## Other Weed Removal Methods

- Pull by hand.
- Use specialized tools.
- Till under with hand or mechanical tiller.
- Mulch with organic or synthetic mulch.
- Use plastic or landscape fabric between soil and mulch.
- Maintain a healthy lawn: mow, water, fertilize, and overseed.
- Start with good topsoil for flower beds.
- Light weeding removing root and top before they set seed is the best method to control weeds in flower beds.

