



Winning the summer weed battle in warm-season turf

Strategies for stopping doveweed and other tough seasonal weeds



In the last few years, doveweed has been spreading, and 2017 looks to be tougher than ever with this weed appearing in more areas throughout the south.

Doveweed can populate in wet areas, but also has been observed to come out of roughs and creep into fairways. In addition, it sits on bunker sidings and behind greens as you move downhill. “Vegetative segments move around when mowing, making dove

weed that much more difficult to control,” says BASF Technical Service Representative Dr. Kathie Kalmowitz.

Fortunately, there are solutions. **Tower**® herbicide from BASF is a broad-spectrum preemergent herbicide that is ideal for fairways and approaches. **Tower** herbicide also controls spurge spp, sedges and 21 other weeds. For superintendents who prefer a granular, BASF offers **FreeHand**® 1.75G herbicide, a combination of the active ingredients found in **Tower** herbicide and **Pendulum**® 2G herbicide, registered for use on turfgrasses and ornamental landscapes.

“After you apply the product to your turf areas or ornamental beds, you have created a weed barrier,” explains Dr. Kalmowitz. “It is important not to disturb that barrier. With no disturbances and normal irrigation, superintendents should get up to eight weeks of excellent weed control.”

In areas experiencing wet conditions and heavy rain, preemergent protection may not last as long, increasing the risk of crabgrass and other weeds popping up throughout the summer. When it’s time to renew your preemergence herbicide, clean up any escapes prior to the reapplication of **Tower** herbicide or **FreeHand 1.75G** herbicide to the turfgrass or in the landscape.

If you need a postemergent treatment for crabgrass or other broadleaf weeds, combine **Tower** herbicide and **Drive**® XLR8 herbicide for additional residual control.

Pylex® herbicide, already a standard for the control of Bermudagrass and goosegrass in cool-season turf, is now labeled for use on Bermudagrass and

seashore paspalum turfgrass. **Pylex** herbicide controls goosegrass regardless of the growth stage or age of the weed, and is most commonly used as a targeted spray at a reduced rate of 0.5-0.75 fl oz. per acre.

As the summer progresses, weeds may germinate that are not controlled with a preemergence herbicide. In landscape beds and in centipedegrass lawns, **Segment**[®] herbicide offers selective control of weed problems with no injury to more than 450 ornamental plants listed on the label. For sedge and other broadleaf weeds, **Basagran**[®] **T/O** herbicide is an excellent directed spray designed for use on sedges, kyllinga, thistles and other broadleaf weeds found on the label.

Always read and follow label directions.

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