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No lawn is immune from weed growth. Weeds like to invade bare or thin areas of lawn. They will find a small spot, push their way through and try to take over.

Pre-emergent herbicides are very effective for treating weeds like crabgrass, clover, dandelions and thistle.

If you do more for your lawn than just a weekly mow, a vibrant green lawn is important to you. Besides basic weed control, overseeding is also something you can do to fight weeds.



But, can these two things be done together? Read on to find out.

What are pre-emergents?

The word pre means before. These types of herbicides are mean to kill weeds before they emerge from the ground. If you already see weeds in your lawn, you should be using post-emergent products.

Pre-emergents stop germinated seeds from establishing roots. When used correctly, pre-emergent herbicides are very adept at controlling weeds.

Pre-emergents and seeds

Pre-emergent herbicides work by covering weed seeds with a chemical and not allowing the roots and shoots to push through.

Fall and late winter are the times of year that most homeowners put down pre-emergent products. It is also common to overseed your lawn in fall, but some people do overseed in late summer as well.

This brings up the question, if pre-emergents kill weed seeds, will they also kill grass seeds? The answer is yes.

Pre-emergent herbicides will cover and create a chemical barrier around any seeds they come in contact with, weed and grass seeds alike.

Pre-emergent timeline

Overseeding and using pre-emergent products should occur 12-16 weeks apart from one another.

Simply put, if you use pre-emergents, wait 12-16 weeks before overseeding. If you have already overseeded, wait 12-16 weeks before using any type of pre-emergent herbicide.

Fertilization and weed control is a service we offer at Evergreen Lawn and Landscape. Let us help you get that lush, green lawn you've been dreaming about.

Common weeds effectively controlled with pre-emergent

- » Crabgrass
- » Clover
- » Dandelions
- » Thistle