



# Johnson's Garden Talk

Lawn and garden information for the friends and customers of Johnson's Garden Centers

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## Garden Tips

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### Weeds in the Garden

The weeds are coming!! With all the cool, moist conditions of the past few weeks, the weeds in our gardens have really started to grow. I can remember one of my first jobs at the Garden Center as a youth was to pull weeds. This is a great way to rid your garden of weeds, but it takes a while. I think that Mom and Dad had a good reason to keep their kids busy pulling weeds, but that's another story.

You can control weeds easily by using Hi-Yield KILLZALL Weed & Grass Killer. It kills anything it touches, so take care not to get the spray on desired plants. When the weeds are dead, apply American Brand Weed & Grass Stopper to prevent more weeds from germinating.

### Bagworms

Be on the lookout for those pesky bagworms. They can devour your favorite juniper or spruce in no time. Use ferti•lome Ornamental & Evergreen Spray or American Brand Thuricide to control those insects when first noticed.

### Grubworms

Grubworms are now appearing in our turf areas. Merit is the best product to use this early in the season. Products such as Hi-Yield Diazinon and Hi-Yield Dylox work best later in the summer (July and August).

### Pruning

You can lightly prune flowering shrubs when they are through flowering. This will encourage new growth, which will produce flower buds for next year. Do not prune summer-flowering shrubs such as Crape Myrtle and Rose of Sharon now because the flower buds are just about ready to open.

Feed all shrubs lightly with ferti•lome Tree & Shrub Food to keep the leaves a dark, healthy green.

### Lawn Care

Fertilize any turf grass now with ferti•Lome South-West Green Maker for a slow release form of nitrogen and also a shot of iron and sulfur. This product will keep your lawn looking good for about a month.