

Nothing throws off your carefully tended garden like an invasion of pesky weeds. Follow these rules to say goodbye to unwanted plants in your aarden:

1. Use the best tools

The type of weeds in your garden will determine which extraction tool you need.

- Plants with tough, fibrous roots like nutgrass and plantain? Use a trowel or garden knife to slice through soil and roots.
- Deeply-rooted plants and stems like quack grass and torpedo grass? Dig with spades or mattocks to reach them.
- **New seedlings**? Dislodge anything taking root with a hoe or cultivator before it can sprout.
- Always protect your hands with gloves to keep bugs and thorns from irritating your skin.

2. Weed at the right time

Pull roots and stems when it is easiest:

- moist soil allows for effortless removal of roots and stems;
- mornings and late afternoons have less heat making extracting weeds less demanding;
- focus on one section of your garden at a time.

3. Weed prevention is key

- Dispose of pulled weeds in a bag to prevent new seeds from spreading.
- Dig up new weed sprouts immediately as they duplicate quickly.
- Use mulch as groundcover to keep new seeds from reaching the soil and prevent buried seeds from finding daylight.

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