

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

1. **Use the best tools**  
   The types of weeds in your garden determine the 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.

1. **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.

1. **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.

However, unlike weeds, financial growth is nurtured — call me about your real estate needs!

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