

OUR COMMUNITY IS AT WAR WITH WEEDS!



The PORA CC&R department is reminding Homeowners that now is the time of year when weeds are growing. They are starting to pop up in yards around our community.

Prevention is the key! The unanimous advice from several exterminators is to *apply a pre-emergent every 6 months, preferably in the Spring (late February or March) and again in the fall (September,) to STOP weeds from germinating.* The pre-emergent should be "watered down" after applying to get down to the seeds and prevent germination from taking place.

Once you see the weeds growing, applying a pre-emergent will not kill them. At that point you need to apply a "post-emergent." (Please note that most weed killers must have a certain temperature to be effective - read the product label). Also, the weeds we are seeing this year are part of the sunflower, tumbleweed, or native plant families, and some weed killers will not work on them. A special formulation may be needed to kill these weeds. Ask an exterminator.

Eliminating weeds is a three-step process:

Step one - Apply a pre-emergent.

Step two - Apply a weed killer as quickly as possible to prevent the weeds from developing and dropping seeds.

Step three - Remove the dead weeds from your yard after they have died.

If you need help with your weed problem, call Consumer Services at (623) 214-1646 for vendor referrals.

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Get three competitive bids. Ask if estimates are free. If not, then obtain the cost of the estimate.

Do not hire anyone who comes to the door or calls on the phone without checking their credentials through PORA Consumer Services 623-214-1646.

Do not pay in full until work is completed satisfactorily. Be careful of prepayments and large down payments.

