



Post-Emergent Weed Control

1. Cool-season weed breakthroughs can ruin a good year.

Late summer post-emergent control is critical to prevent nagging problems. **Pylex® herbicide** is a go-to standard for cool-season turf pros looking to keep fairways and roughs clean.

2. Growth of goosegrass. “Goosegrass is becoming more of a problem in the northeast,” says Dr. Matt Elmore of Rutgers University. The good news is Pylex is highly active on post-emergent goosegrass. “People have really discovered how to use Pylex effectively in late July or early August.”

3. Pylex works. “We’ve found just one application at ½ oz per acre can be effective when the plants are smaller,” says Kyle Miller BASF senior technical specialist. “But if you wait you might need either a higher rate or two ½ oz applications.”

4. Actively growing weeds. Avoid times when the grass and weeds aren’t actively growing or are under drought stress, says Elmore. “If you have plants wilting in the early afternoon, wait till you get that area irrigated or you have some rain.”

5. Bermuda is heading north. Dr. Shawn Askew of Virginia Tech University calls bermuda encroachment in bent fairways a “huge problem” in the transition zone, but his experience suggests it is controllable. “Pylex is the market leader for knocking out bermuda in bent. It gives you the best combo of price, selectivity and bermuda knockdown power.”

6. Fall timing. Suppressing bermuda in spring or early summer can be effective, but it’s hard to wipe

it out. “The way to achieve mortality is a fall combo program of Pylex at 0.25 oz per acre plus Turflon® (triclopyr) at 0.75 oz per acre,” says Askew.

7. Best results. He suggests timing the first application 6-8 weeks before the first hard frost and then doing at least one more. “If you’re going to reseed, skip the Turflon® in the last application but if you aren’t, keep it in the mix and you should achieve about a 95% reduction in the bermuda population.”

8. Bleaching is an issue on bent fairways. “You have to be comfortable with the idea you’ll likely have 5-10 days of bleaching,” says Elmore. “You’re trying to thread the needle with enough for control but not enough for bleaching.” Askew suggests adding “a taste” of Turflon Ester to counter the bleaching.

9. Consider “PyleDriver.” Drive® XLR8 herbicide is great for crabgrass in roughs and, in combination with Pylex, has broad spectrum impact. “The nickname for that is ‘PyleDriver,’” says Miller. The standard recipe for “PyleDriver” is a quart of Drive XLR8 per acre and ¾ oz of Pylex per acre.

10. MSO matters. Using methylated seed oil (MSO) at 0.5% v/v or another quality adjuvant is critical. “We want maximum contact with the weed,” says Miller. He also says not to let the idea of “oil” in your tank scare you. “As long as it’s under 85 degrees you should be fine. Spray it in the morning.”

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