

PUT IDENTIFICATION AND TIMING ON THE SAME PAGE

Use the following sequence before buying a prevention product. It is an editorial planning worksheet, not a pesticide schedule.

Different weed situations call for different questions

Situation	Question to answer	What to record
A known summer annual such as crabgrass	When does it normally begin emerging in this local climate?	Local guidance, seasonal conditions and the first observed seedlings.
A winter annual weed problem	Is prevention being planned for the correct germination season?	Confirmed species and the previous year's emergence pattern.
Established perennial weeds	Are plants persisting from roots or other established structures?	Identity, growth habit and the area affected; do not assume seed prevention removes existing plants.
A lawn repair and weed treatment overlap	Does the exact label permit the grass, establishment method and timing?	Product name, last application date and required establishment interval.

UC IPM describes crabgrass emergence as sensitive to local temperature and moisture, with much longer emergence periods in mild climates. One national "apply on this date" rule cannot account for those differences.

YOUR FIELD RECORD

Target weed and lawn species

Local emergence guidance

Observed conditions and seedlings

Current product label and previous applications

Repair date and compatibility decision

Use the full guide and current local advice before treatment. Print and write, or save a copy in a PDF app that supports form fields. Entries stay in your file; this worksheet does not submit them.

