

# Using Herbicide? Do It Right!

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## 1 Identify

Correct identification of your target weed is crucial to choosing the most effective herbicide. Contact Flathead County Weed District for resources and assistance with identification and herbicide recommendations. 406-758-5800

## 2 Treat

Once you've chosen the most effective herbicide, use the proper mix at the correct time for maximum success. When using concentrated herbicide, refer to the label for mixing rate. Keep written notes and/or photos to document your treatment and inform future efforts.

## 3 Evaluate

Check your treatment area two weeks after treatment. How successful was your treatment? Were the target weeds unaffected? Were they just missed? Are there weeds that are only damaged, but not dead? Review your notes to decide next steps.

## 4 Repeat

Most noxious weeds will take annual herbicide treatment for multiple years to control. Identify your target weeds throughout the growing season. Review your notes to see if you need to adjust timing and/or herbicide moving forward.

# When using herbicide:

## ✓ More is Not Better

Herbicides are very specifically formulated and rigorously tested. Use only at the recommended rate found on the product label. When using a concentrate, mixing over the recommended rate can lead to treatment failure.

## ✓ Timing is Crucial

Herbicides kill weeds either on contact or by being absorbed into the plant. For this reason, it is most effective to treat fully leafed out plants before flowers develop. In Flathead County this will generally put the treatment window between mid-May and mid-June.

## ✓ Avoid Wind and Rain

The general rule of thumb is to not spray when wind speed exceeds 10 miles per hour and to always allow time for the product to thoroughly dry before a rain event. In addition, do not use herbicide when temperature exceeds 85°F or during an inversion. Refer to the herbicide label for product specific environmental information.

## ✓ The Label is the Law

Every herbicide label is considered a legal, binding document. The information contained on herbicide labels must legally be followed.

## Explore Alternatives

to herbicides for noxious weed control at:  
[epa.gov/safepestcontrol/lawn-and-garden](https://epa.gov/safepestcontrol/lawn-and-garden)

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