

Problem: Controlling Grassy Weeds in Iris



Plant Affected: Iris

Description: Though both broadleaf weeds and grassy weeds can be a problem in iris, it is most often grassy weeds that are the most problem because they are harder to remove manually.

Recommendations: Hand weeding is an effective control. However, hand weeding may not be practical in larger plantings. There are two major weed killer types that are used to kill grassy weeds in broadleaf plants including iris. On the commercial side, the trade names for these products are Fusilade and Poast. Homeowner labeling is more diverse. Fusilade is sold under the name of "Grass-B-Gon." Poast is sometimes sold to homeowners under the Poast label but more commonly as Hi-Yield "Grass Killer", "Monterey "Grass Getter", Bonide "Grass Beater" and Fertilome "Over-the-Top II." There may be other trade names, as well. Fortunately, you can identify the product by the common chemical name listed on the label. Fusilade's common chemical name is fluazifop, and Poast's is sethoxydim.

If you decide to use one of these products, read the label carefully. Often, a crop oil must be added to the spray solution for the herbicide to work well. Some grassy weeds, such as tall fescue and smooth brome may not be well controlled. In such cases, dig and divide the plants in late July and replant in a weed-free area.

References:

[Controlling Grassy Weeds in Broadleaf Plants](#), Kansas-State Research & Extension Horticulture 2013 Newsletter, No. 15, April 16, 2013

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