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## Sticker Bur (Grass Bur) Prevention and Control

### To Prevent Sticker Burs

**Timely applications** of pre-emergent products are key to preventing sticker burs (grass bur) in the lawn, as well as good practices for regular lawn maintenance (fertilizing, watering, mowing).

A total of 3 applications of pre-emergent through the year is the most effective treatment for sticker bur (grass bur) prevention. (Always Read Labels!)

### The sticker bur (grass bur) prevention schedule goes as follows:

- Mid Feb - Early Mar: First application of spring pre-emergent should be applied. **Choose either Crew, High Yield Turf and Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper with Dimension, or Ike's Sandbur & Crabgrass Preventer.**
- 90 Days Later: Second application of spring pre-emergent. **Choose either Crew, High Yield Turf and Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper with Dimension, or Ike's Sandbur & Crabgrass Preventer.** (It's worth noting that if you miss the first application, don't bother with the second one; it won't do anything.)
- Mid Aug - mid Sept: Third application is when you apply your pre-emergent again in the early fall. **Choose Fertilome Broadleaf Control with Gallery in the fall as this product controls both broadleaf weeds and sticker burs.**

Water products in thoroughly.

\*Always read labels before use as most likely there are exceptions to where you can use these products.

### To Control Current Sticker Burs

There are few post-emergent controls for sticker burs (grass bur) that are:

- retail available for home use
- are effective and not harmful to turf grass.

One product that can be used **with caution** is:

- **Image Kills Nutsedge** (Read label thoroughly as one of it's disclaimers states, "Do not use on St. Augustine for winter weed control.")

**Post emergents are best used in mild spring temperatures and on YOUNG weeds. During high temps, like our summer climate, post emergents are usually not recommended as they can burn the lawn.**

\*A [well maintained lawn](#) is your best defense to even developing a problem with sticker burs, or any other weed, in the first place. Consistency is key when it comes to controlling weeds. This means, keeping your lawn fertilized, mowed, and irrigated properly are some pretty easy tasks to do and they contribute to a lush lawn that is healthy enough to choke out unwanted weeds.

For more info, search "sticker burs" on [www.rainbowgardens.biz](http://www.rainbowgardens.biz)