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CULTIVATION

Tools such as hoes, shovels, and hand or power tilling machines can be used to remove weeds. Just as with hand pulling, if you use a hoe or shovel to cut the weed off at ground level, the root will use up its energy reserves, and eventually die.

MOWING

Keeping weeds mowed close to the ground will help them from getting to the point of flowering and producing seeds.



On the back of this brochure, we have provided several links to several websites that provide excellent information regarding weeds and various methods of controlling them.

This brochure is intended as a courtesy and is provided for informational purposes only. It is the responsibility of the property owner/tenant/agent to comply with the city ordinance and control weeds on your property



Colorado Weed Management Assoc.
<http://www.cwma.org/weed.htm>

Common Weeds and How to Control Them.
<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/4DMG/Weed/weeds.htm>

Plant Talk
<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/2118.html>

PDF Article for Less-Toxic Pest Mgmt.
<http://www.recyclenow.org/less-toxic/Weeds.PDF>

Home & Garden TV
<http://hgtv.com>



To report weeds or refuse on private property, please call the Fort Morgan Police Department at 970-867-5678

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Is it a Weed?

What is a weed? Simply put, it is;

1. A valueless, troublesome, or noxious plant growing wild, especially one growing profusely, or
2. A plant growing where it is not wanted. It is the time of the year that weeds will once again begin creeping back into your property.

It is the landowners, tenants, or agents' responsibility to remove weeds from the property owned/rented/leased.



The City of Fort Morgan encourages all citizens to get a head start on weeds before they get ahead of you.

Section 19-10 of the City of Fort Morgan Municipal Code tells us that it is unlawful and an offense for any owner, tenant, or

agent responsible for any lot, block, or parcel of land within the City to allow weeds to grow or remain on the property or on the sidewalks and alleyways adjoining the property. If there are weeds, they should be cut close to the ground and kept cut.

Weeds are considered a nuisance and must be maintained. When allowed to grow, they release seeds, which then drift over to other areas of the city, or are transferred even beyond the city by way of people, animals, cars and nature. The next few paragraphs will give you some ideas on how you can prevent, eradicate, and/or control the growth of weeds. Half the battle of prevention is to not let the weeds get big enough to flower and produce seeds. Less seeds equals less weeds.



PRE-EMERGENTS

To prevent weeds from growing, apply a preemergent weed killer now. There are liquid and granular types that can be applied. These chemicals provide an "invisible" barrier that inhibits the root system of weed sprouts, therefore killing them before they emerge. It is important not to disturb the soil during the effective period of the chemical. It will create a "hole" in the barrier for other seeds to sprout.

POST-EMERGENTS

If it is too late to use a pre-emergent, you

need to use a post-emergent chemical. HGTV recommends Round-Up (glyphosate) as one of the least toxic herbicides. Round-Up is a contact herbicide and it will kill the entire weed as well as any surrounding plants it comes into contact with. Read the directions and apply carefully.

NON-CHEMICAL OPTIONS

MULCHING

You can create a weed barrier by using newspaper or cardboard covered with a mulch of leaves or shredded bark. Weed barriers, black plastic, and weed mats are also great weed prevention materials you can get at your local garden center. You can use mulch on top of them or stake them down, so they won't blow away. These techniques work well for alleyways, gardens, paths, or narrow areas that you want to keep weed free but looking nice.

You may still get some weeds, but they will grow on top of the mulch, and can easily be pulled.

HAND WEEDING

Weeds are easiest to pull when the soil is moist, and the plants are small. If weeds are pulled, root and all before they flower, generally there would not be any repeat growth except for other existing seeds, or seeds that make their way to the area.

Some weeds have very long roots, and it can be difficult to get all of it out at one time. Continue to cut the weed off or try to pull the root up. If you keep the new

