



# TREE & SHRUB CARE

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## About Today's Visit

Today I applied **Sureguard Herbicide** to your beds to prevent most weed seeds from germinating. This needs to be watered in to active within As Soon As Possible. This is a fairly new product on the market and in addition to preventing weeds, also kills young weeds that have already germinated (under 2 inches tall) I'm looking forward to seeing the results, and the fact that it kills young weeds eliminates the need for me to treat existing weeds today. Your input on the effectiveness of this product will be helpful as well.

## Fred's Method of Weeding

I enjoy my yard and gardens by relaxing each day after work for 10-20 minutes. I inspect plants look at their growth, health and flowering. At the same time, do a bit of weeding. I pull a few weeds each day and they do not have a chance to set seed or get out of control. **It's very therapeutic! Take a few minutes each day after work to enjoy your yard, get some fresh air and pull a few weeds, you'll feel better and weeding becomes a way to relax, not a chore!** I look forward to my "Yard time".



If you only get bed weed controls through Meehan and weeds become a problem I need to hear from you as I am only out 3-4 times per season. Those who also get tree/shrub and/or perimeter pest services get additional weed controls whenever I am out to perform those services if I see weeds. More frequent visits means I can catch problems quickly before they become serious issues.

## The Four Worst Weeds!

There are 4 weeds that I get calls about continuously, they are, bindweed, Canada thistle (from Asia, not Canada), Nutsedge, and Horsetails (Pictured in that order below). All of these are extremely difficult to control, why? All have root systems that go deep into the soil so pulling is a poor option. Herbicides work well but repeat applications must be made. They are all perennial so they come back from year to year from the same root system. I know a lot of you have seen this already. Here are the best practices:

- 1.) Don't let them go to seed! (horsetails are primitive spore producing plants like ferns).
- 2.) Treat the plants with repeat applications of herbicides,
- 3.) Pull any new plantlets while still small. **The idea is to starve the root system.**

Be diligent about keeping any new seedlings/plantlets pulled.

- 4.) NEVER, NEVER rototill a bed that has these weeds, every piece of root left in the ground will become a new plant and your problem will be compounded.

Diligence is the best way to control these weed thugs. A web search will provide more options! This program will help a lot, but it is not enough with some weed species. See some other recommendations in this newsletter (especially on weeding) Give me a call if you have questions!



