

# Hints *For* Homeowners

## Creating Curb Appeal With A Weed-Free Lawn

(NAPSA)—Real estate agents will tell you that location and curb appeal will increase the value of your home. A well-manicured lawn and landscape will increase your property value by as much as 15 percent. A beautiful lawn will give you something to be proud of and keep the neighbors happy.

“It’s all about first impressions,” says Garden Expert Lance Walheim, who wrote the book “Lawn Care for Dummies” and who is a regular contributor to *Sunset* magazine. “The instant someone looks at your lawn and home, you want them to say, ‘Wow!’”

How do you achieve a lush, green, weed-free lawn? Here are a few basic steps:

- **Fertilizing.** Lawns need fertilizer regularly to grow dense grass and to choke out the weeds.

- **Proper watering.** If you see footprints when you walk across your grass, it’s time to water. In midsummer, most lawns need at least an inch of water a week, even more in hot climates. Watering early in the morning helps prevent lawn diseases.

- **Mow at the right height.** Don’t cut your grass too short. In mid-summer, set your mower to cut at the upper end of your lawn’s recommended mowing height. When the grass is a third higher than the recommended mowing height, it’s time to start cutting.

Despite best-laid plans, weeds still can sneak into your yard. “Read product labels carefully,” says Walheim. “You need to use a product specifically formulated to kill weeds without harming lawn grasses.”



**Getting rid of weeds can be easier than ever.**

Until recently, you had to buy one product to kill broadleaf weeds such as dandelions and clover and a second product to kill grassy weeds such as crabgrass. “Trying to identify the type of weeds in your lawn can be confusing, and buying two weed killers can also get expensive,” Walheim adds.

Now, there is an alternative. Bayer Advanced™ All-in-One Weed Killer is the choice for value-conscious consumers. It kills more than 200 broadleaf weeds and grassy weeds in one easy-to-use product. It comes in a concentrate or ready-to-use formula. The ready-to-use formulation is the only one with SmartTrack®—a non-staining, red-colored marker that shows you which weeds you’ve sprayed so you don’t waste money. It won’t harm your lawn when used as directed, and now it’s available in a special size with a battery-operated sprayer to help treat large areas.

All Bayer Advanced products carry a money-back guarantee. For more information, visit [www.bayeradvanced.com](http://www.bayeradvanced.com) or call 1-877-BAYERAG.