

## The Natural Way to Control Weeds, Grass, Moss & Algae

Patios, decks and gardens have become an extension of the home and a haven for people to relax and entertain. Sometimes, however, weeds and other unsightly growth can detract from this tranquility and frustrate those seeking perfection. How can gardeners manage these problems without spraying harmful chemicals?

A weed is defined as any plant that is growing in a space where it is not wanted. These can take many forms such as grassy weeds like barnyard grass or crabgrass; annual weeds like dandelions, chickweed, or plantain; or harder to control perennial weeds like thistle. In damp conditions moss and algae can even appear in the garden as well as on your sidewalk or house.

Keeping your garden free of weeds by cultivating or hand-pulling is laborious and time consuming. Mulch can be used to help suppress annual weeds but will not control any perennial weeds. Landscape fabrics control weeds but are only appropriate when planting woody ornamental beds, trees, and shrubs.

Weed control sprays are the most popular and widely used tool to combat weed problems. In the past, gardeners have been forced to choose between toxic chemical controls or ineffective natural controls that did not prevent weeds from quickly growing back. A new product from Espoma, however, promises to minimize the environmental risks while offering a fast acting weed control with a long lasting residual.

Espoma's *Earth-tone*<sup>®</sup> *4n1 Weed Control* is a new formula that combines a natural soap with an anti-sprouting agent. The result is a fast acting, non-selective weed control that prevents weed re-growth for up to six weeks and has no known resistance.

Use *Earth-tone*<sup>®</sup> *4n1 Weed Control* to eliminate weeds, grass, moss or algae that grow around or on homes, sidewalks, fences, driveways, patios, flower gardens and other landscaped areas. The convenient 24 oz. ready to use spray bottle requires no mixing. Simply spray the foliage until it is fully wet taking care not to treat desirable plants. Results can be seen within hours. It can be used anytime during the year and will not stain concrete or asphalt surfaces.

Unwanted weeds, grass, moss, and algae no longer need to be the gardener's nemesis. Safe and effective controls are available to make certain the labor of love that is the home garden provides hours of enjoyment.