

## **Eliminate the problem of Nutgrass**

Weeds are a constant and never ending problem for gardeners, especially during spring and summer. And with Nutgrass (*Cyperus rotundus*) and Mullumbimby couch (*Cyperus brevifolus*) two culprits that are particularly difficult to control, now is the time to tackle them head on.

Chemical treatment is the most efficient and effective way to treat infestations of these two weeds, with a number of control products on the market. However, according to Peter Kirby, Turf Product Development Manager with Nufarm, the most effective product available, for a number of reasons, is Sempra®.

“Sempra is a highly targeted speciality product for the treatment of weeds from the Sedge family, which includes Nutgrass and Mullumbimby couch,” said Peter.

“The specificity of Sempra means that it is safe to use on a wide range of turf varieties including couch, kikuyu, Queensland blue couch and buffalo grasses. It is also safe to use near garden beds and ornamental plants, again because it is highly selective.”

Sempra has been used extensively in Australian conditions for over 10 years, with proven results. It is more effective than other products available as it attacks the entire plant, not just the parts of the weed you can see.

“The biggest problem with Nutgrass and Mullumbimby couch is that they spread via tubers in the soil. Most of the products out there only kill the leaves above the ground, leaving the tubers alive and kicking, ready to re-emerge. Sempra, on the other hand, is systemic so it takes out the tubers and kills the whole plant,” Peter explained.

“Roundup® also acts systemically on plants and will control Nutgrass, but as it is non-selective, it will damage turf areas if direct application occurs.”

With Sempra, a little bit goes a long way. It is available in 25g, 100g and 500g packs through nurseries, garden centres and agricultural chemical distributors. It is simple to use and comes with a measuring device in the pack. An easy to read usage card which provides clear mixing and application information is also available at the point of purchase.

For more information about Sempra, visit [www.nufarm.com/AUSP/Home](http://www.nufarm.com/AUSP/Home).

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