

Nutgrass rears its head, but Sempra solution at hand

It is anticipated that nutgrass will make a resurgence in the coming months, much to the dread of gardeners everywhere.

“Following the less than ideal seasons over the past few years, we look like having a relatively normal wet season, bringing moisture that is great news for gardeners,” said Gavin Kerr, business development manager with Nufarm Australia Limited.

“Unfortunately, with this comes the perennial problems of nutgrass and other weeds also taking advantage of the situation. Nutgrass in particular is a problem in turf and lawns for many with green thumbs, and with the coming wetter months, tubers that have been lying dormant will re-emerge.

“So now is the time to get cracking and tackle these persistent weeds head on.”

Nutgrass (*Cyperus rotundus*) and Mullumbimby couch (*Cyperus brevifolus*) are two culprits that are particularly difficult to control. Chemical treatment is the most efficient and effective way to treat their infestation, with a number of control products on the market. One of the most effective products 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,” Gavin explained.

“Because it is so specifically targeted, it is safe to use on a wide range of turf varieties including couch, kikuyu, Queensland blue couch and buffalo grasses, and near garden beds and ornamental plants.”

Nutgrass and Mullumbimby couch spread via tubers in the soil, making them very hard to eradicate. Most products available to treat these weeds only kill the portion of the plant that is above the ground, leaving the tubers alive and ready to re-emerge.

“Sempra is systemic and attacks the entire plant, not just the visible parts of the weed. It kills the whole plant including the tubers, meaning it is more effective than other products on the market,” Gavin said.

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

“We have been using Sempra in Australian conditions for over 10 years now, with proven results that speak for themselves.”

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, please visit www.nufarm.com.au.

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