

WEEDS AS INDICATORS OF SPECIFIC POOR SOIL CONDITIONS

Weeds usually tell us that something needs to be changed in our cultural practices such as irrigation, traffic, mowing practices or nutrition management. Use the following chart to indentify the soil conditions by the weeds present in your lawn.

| Compacted Soils |
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| Annual Bluegrass |
| Black Medic |
| Chickweed |
| Crabgrass |
| Goosegrass |
| Moss (Rocky Soil) |
| Plaintains |
| Prostate Knotweed |
| Slender Rush |
| Spurges |
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| Poor Drainage/Wet Soil |
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| Alligator Weed |
| Annual Bluegrass |
| Barnyard |
| Black Medic |
| Chickweed |
| Dollarweed |
| Moss |
| Pearlwort |
| Plaintains |
| Rushes |
| Sedges |
| Speedwell |
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| Surface Moisture |
|-------------------|
| Algae |
| Dollarweed |
| Moss |
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| Dry Soil |
| Bull Thistle |
| Chicory |
| Crabgrass |
| Florida Pusley |
| Sandspur |
| Speedwell |
| Yellow Woodsorrel |
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| Low Mowing |
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| Algae |
| Annual Bluegrass |
| Chickweed |
| Florida Pusley |
| Pearlwort |
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| High or Infrequent Mowing |
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| Black Medic |
| Bull Thistle |
| Chicory |
| Clover |
| Spurges |
| Yellow Woodsorrel |
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| Soil pH LOW |
|-------------------|
| Broomsedge |
| Chicory |
| Moss |
| Red Sorrel |
| Rushes |
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| Shady Conditions |
| Algae |
| Moss |
| Yellow Woodsorrel |
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| Soil ph HIGH |
|-------------------|
| Plaintains |
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| Soil pH NEUTRAL |
| Bull Thistle |
| Chickweed |
| Clover |
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| Nematodes |
| Florida Pusley |
| Prostate Knotweed |
| Spurges |
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| Nitrogen LOW |
|-------------------|
| Bitter Sneezeweed |
| Black Medic |
| Broomsedge |
| Chicory |
| Crabgrass |
| Legumes |
| Plantains |
| Poorjoe |
| Prostate Knotweed |
| Quackgrass |
| RedSorrel |
| Speedwell |
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| Nitrogen HIGH |
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| Annual Bluegrass |
| Bull Thistle |
| Chickweed |
| Moss |
| Rye Grass |
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| Poor or Sandy Soils |
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| Black Medic |
| Chicory |
| Crabgrass |
| Plaintains |
| Poorjoe |
| Prostate Knotweed |
| Quackgrass |
| Sandspur |
| Spurges |
| Yellow Woodsorrel |
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