



IVY GLADES

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YIKES BERMUDA GRASS

It has been reported that Ivy Glades is experiencing Bermuda grass infestation. It is advised that Homeowners check their yards for this nasty weed and control the spread before it kills your grass. The HOA is currently assessing all HOA common area for Bermuda grass.

How do I get rid of Bermuda grass in my fescue/ Bluegrass lawn?

Because it's so tough and persistent, most professionals and homeowners use an herbicide (generally glyphosate) to kill it. They spray, strip off the dying sod, irrigate to generate growth of any surviving rhizomes, and then repeat the process at least once (one treatment rarely kills a Bermuda lawn).

Because consistent mowing stimulates Bermuda, both stolons and rhizomes rapidly fill in the yard and choke out any remaining fescue patches.

Marianne C. Ophardt is a horticulturist for Washington State University Benton County Extension:

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Of course, you could kill the Bermuda grass to start over with a clean slate. However, an application of the nonselective herbicide glyphosate (also known as Roundup, Impede, Knockout and other trade names) is not a silver bullet. Bermuda grass is so tough that it will probably take several applications or more, spaced four weeks apart, to kill this weed. (Glyphosate should be applied when the Bermuda grass is green and actively growing.) Plus, once it appears dead and you till the ground, wait about two weeks to see if it begins to regrow; then treat again if it does.

Warning: Common Bermuda grass does a good job of producing seed, so even if you kill the existing perennial plants, it leaves behind seed that is viable for two years or more. If you are lucky enough to get Bermuda grass under control, it can easily re-invade the lawn from seed. Always watch for new patches.



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