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Re: Weeds in Turf

As this unusually cold winter draws to an end we find lawns not fully green and with many more weeds than we would normally see this time of year. There are several reasons for these conditions:

1. Record cold weather since December with heavy frosts deep into normally frost free south Florida has kept turf essentially dormant since mid December. Dormant turf does not compete well against weeds so cool season annual weeds have a growth advantage and are more plentiful than usual this time of year.
2. Winters are normally pretty dry in most of Florida but this year has been an exception. We have experienced unusually heavy rainfall and this has provided plenty of moisture for weed seeds to germinate and become established.
3. Weed control products work slower in cold weather and are not as active against hard to control weeds.

In short, we have more weeds this season than we have had in many years. Once the weeds are treated with herbicide normally it takes three to four weeks to see the full effect. We are diligently applying turf weed control applications to all turf areas and will be treating weeds on your property in the next few weeks as weather permits.

Thank you for your Patience,

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