#### Organic Fertilizers

 Unlike the chemical kind, organic fertilizers feed soil organisms in addition to your plants, helping to build healthy soil—not destroy it.



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Be wary of products labeled organic that have an NPK (nitrogenphosphoruspotassium) ratio that adds up to more than 16.



#### Organic Fertilizers

- Derived From: Hydrolyzed Poultry Manure, Bone Meal, Hydrolyzed Fish Protein, Hydrolyzed Soy Protein, Potassium Sulfate & Kelp Extract.
- Total Nitrogen 1.00 %
- Available phosphate 3.00%
- Soluble Potash 1.00%
- Calcium 1.00%





#### Organic fertilizers/amendments

Triple super phosphate- rock phosphate (organic) treated with a acid bath (renders it inorganic).



Bone meal- Organic source of phosphorus.



#### **Epsom Salts**





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Before applying Epsom salt, however, it's a good idea to have your soil tested to determine whether it's deficient of magnesium. You should also be aware that many plants, like beans and leafy vegetables, will happily grow and produce in soils with low levels of magnesium. Plants like rose, tomatoes and peppers, on the other hand, require lots of magnesium, and therefore, are more commonly watered with Epsom salt. When diluted with water, Epsom salt is easily taken up by plants, especially when applied as a foliar spray. Most plants can be misted with a solution of 2 tablespoons of Epsom salt per gallon of water once a month. For more frequent watering, every other week, cut this back to 1 tablespoon.

https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/garden-how-to/soil-fertilizers/epsom-salt-gardening.htm

#### Organic soils

The need for diseaseand weed-free media favors the use of soilless media, or potting mixes, that are made primarily from natural materials, such as peat, compost, and/or manures augmented with perlite, vermiculite, peat moss, and organic fertilizers.



## Organic soils



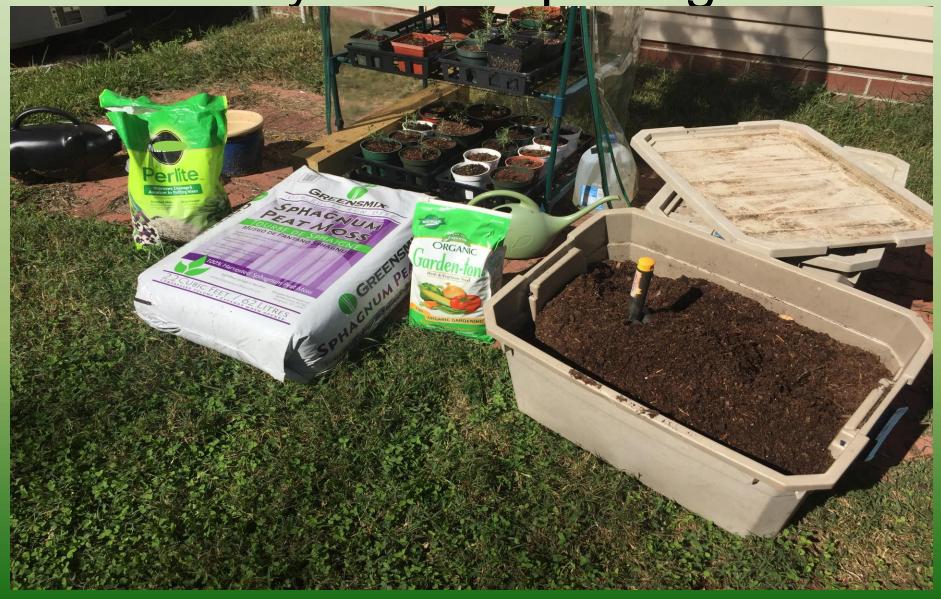
urpee® Natural & Organic Premium Growing Mix 0.12-0.12-0.12
Guaranteed Analysis
Total Nitrogen (N)
0.012% Other Water Soluble Nitrogen 0.096% Water Insoluble Nitrogen*
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Calcium (Ca)
Derived from composted poultry manure, feather meal and sulfate of potash.
*0.096% slow release nitrogen derived from composted poultry manure and feather meal.
Information regarding the contents and levels of metals in this product is available on the internet at: http://www.aapfco.org/metals.html
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## Organic soils





Make your own potting soil





#### Organic weed suppression

NOP regulations allow the use of newspaper or other recycled paper as an "allowed synthetic" with the provision that it be "without glossy or colored inks" (refer to NOP regulations 205.2, 205.601(b)(2), and 205.601(c)). It does take some work to separate out the newspapers that are neither glossy nor use colored inks.

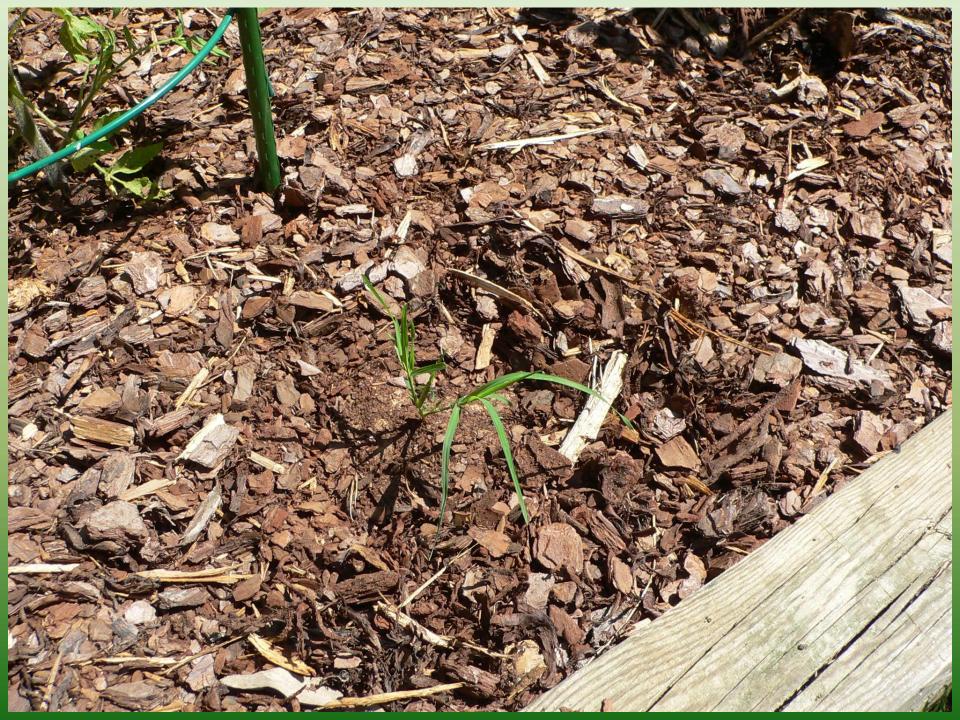


#### Organic weed suppresion

Cardboard can be

 a useful material
 used in organic
 gardening for
 suppressing weeds,
 retaining moisture
 and adding organic
 matter to your soil.





## Herbicide drift from Synthetic herbicide

 High temperatures (above 85°F) during or immediately after application may cause some synthetic herbicides to vaporize and, like highly volatile formulations, move to areas outside the site of application. Volatilized herbicides in a vaporized state may still be capable of causing damage.

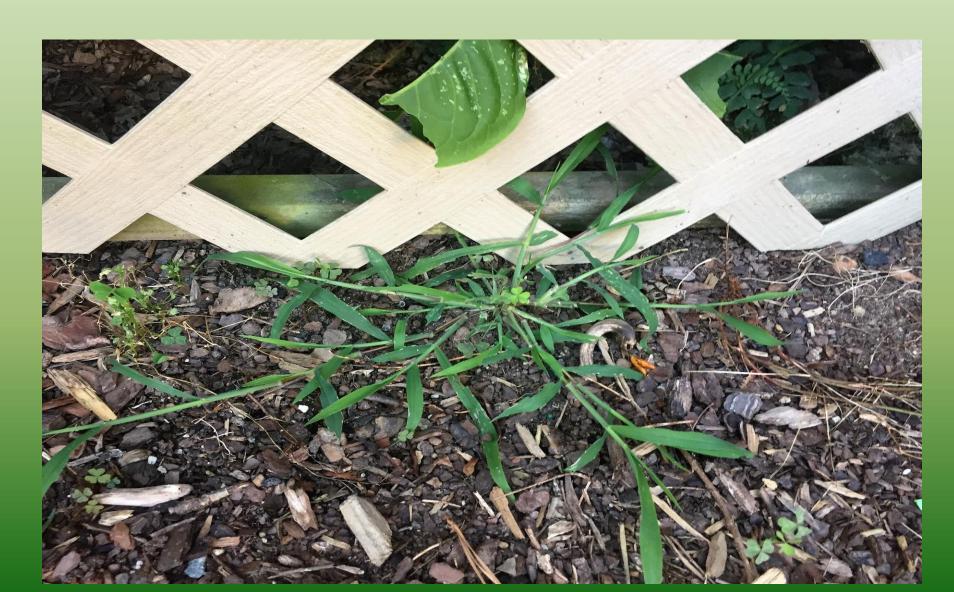


# Herbicide drift from SYNTHETIC HERBICIDE

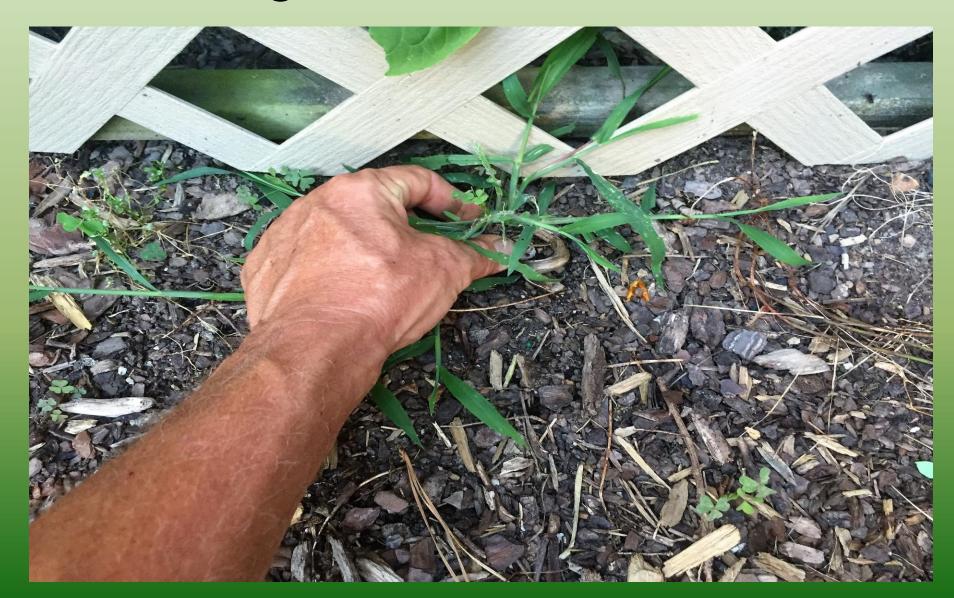




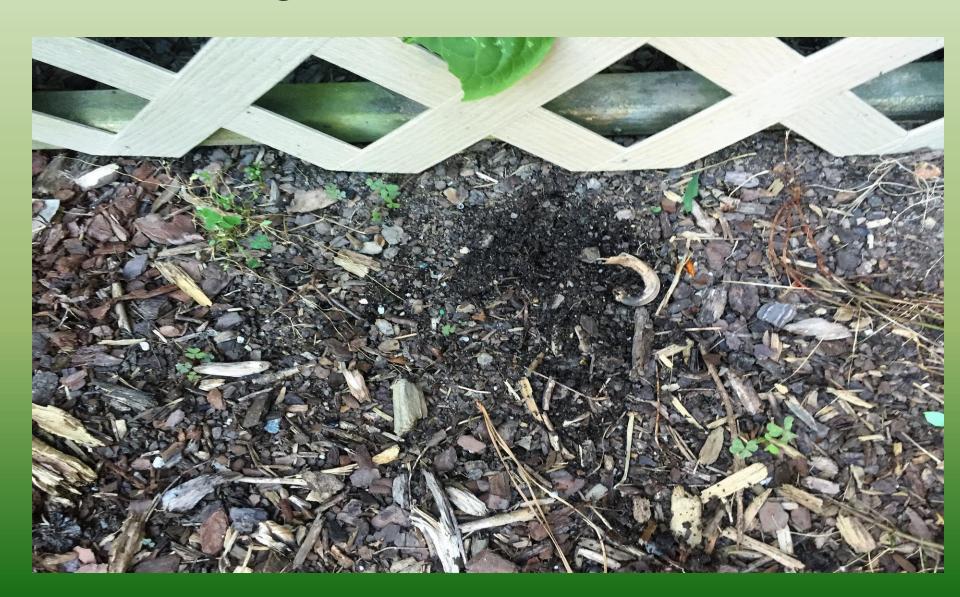
#### Organic weed control



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Boiling water will kill any plant growth it touches. It is very inexpensive and simple to use. It is superb for killing annual weeds and can control and/or kill perennial weeds. It is a popular non-toxic means for killing weeds growing in cracks and driveways.



The contact nature of the vinegar + salt mixture can be a benefit. If you need to kill weeds in close proximity to a desirable plant (say, killing chickweed in a flower bed), then glyphosate can be problematic. Only one or two stray drops from the glyphosate spray bottle onto a flower might be enough to kill the entire plant. A few stray drops of the vinegar + salt solution, on the other hand, will probably cause a little speckling but won't kill the desirable plants.



Vinegar concentrates make effective organic weed killers with almost immediate results. Spraying the solution directly on a weed strips off the foliage's waxy cuticle that protects the plant's cells from losing water. This causes the weed to dry out down to the root.



- Pour 1/2 gallon of vinegar into a bucket.
- Add 1/2 cup of table salt.
- Stir in 1 tablespoon of liquid table dishwashing soap.
- Funnel the weed killer into a plastic spray bottle

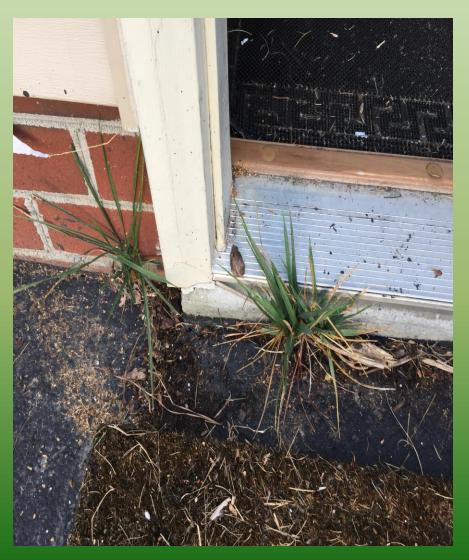




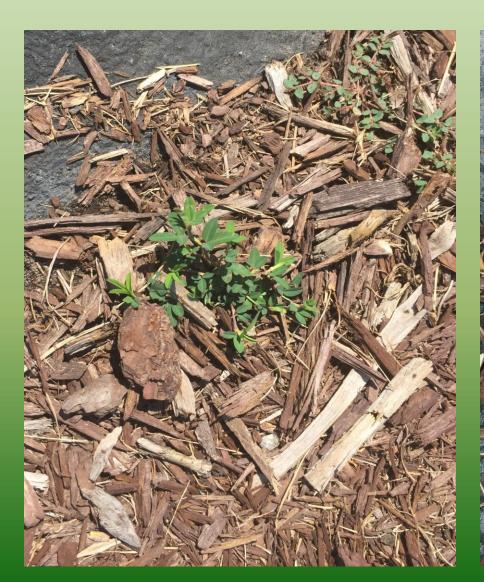






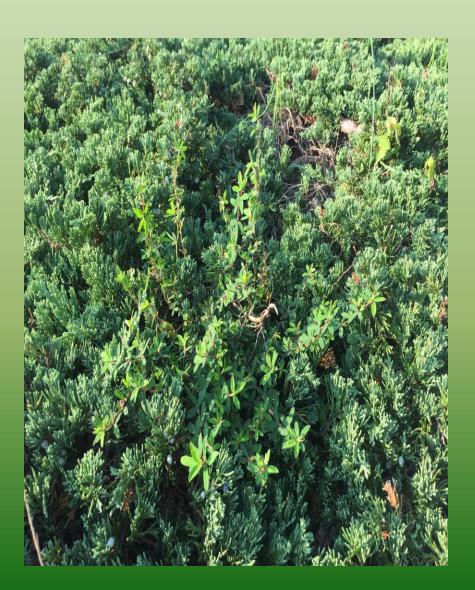








## Lespedeza



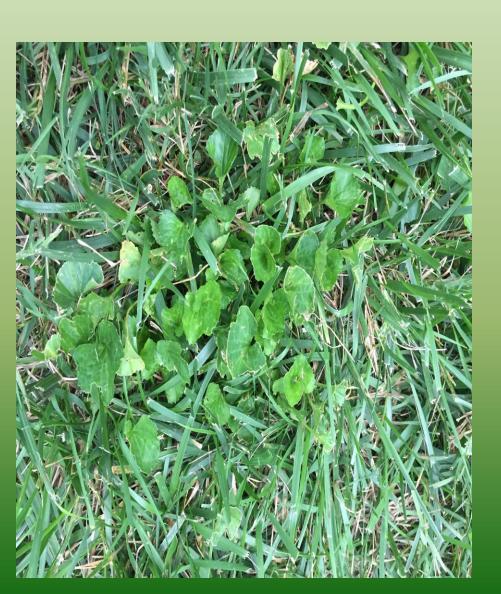


## Lespedeza























- Post emergent of all herbaceous broadleaf and grass weeds
- Fast-acting and effective: kills dandelions within 3 hours
- Active Ingredients: Citric Acid (24%), Clove Oil (8%)
- Inert Ingredients (68%):
   Water, Lauric Acid, Octanoic Acid, Gum Arabic, Xantham Gum, Sodium Acetate.

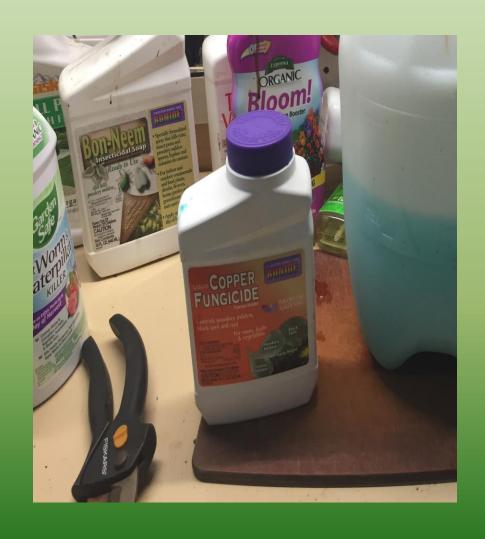


- A natural post emergent herbicide (selective) that can be used on the following weeds and does not harm warm or cool season grasses:
- Dandelion, Plantain Clover, Ground Ivy, Knotweed, Purslane, Black Medic, Wild Violet, Foxtail, Quack Grass, Barnyard Grass, Curly Dock, Annual Bluegrass, Foxtail, Orchard Grass, Catch Weed, and more.
- OMRI listing is pending.



#### Organic fungus control

 Application of copper is a routine disease control practice in organic tomato production in the eastern United States. Copper functions both as a fungicide and bactericide and is labeled (under the NOP) for anthracnose, bacterial speck, bacterial spot, early and late blight, gray leaf mold, and septoria leaf spot.

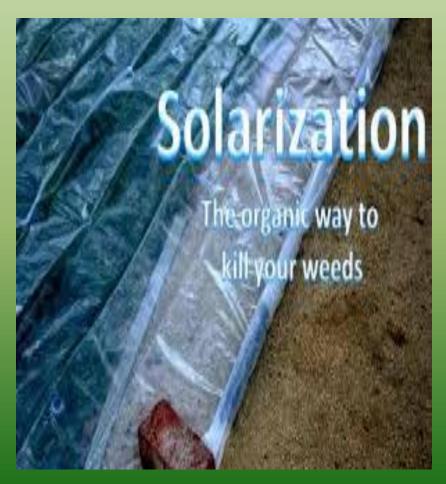


#### Soil solarization

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- Cultivate the soil, and collect and dispose of dead plants and other debris that might harbor pests.
- Level and smooth the soil surface.
- Irrigate the soil very well to at least 12 inches deep to increase its heat conductivity.
- Lay a clear plastic tarp on the soil surface. (1 to 4 mil painter's plastic works well and is readily available.) Anchor the edges of the tarp with soil. The closer to the soil surface the plastic is, the better the heating. Remove the tarp after 4 to 6 weeks and resume gardening.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N EZKINoOhGY



## Organic fungus control

