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Time to Control Lawn Burweed

If you had lawn burweed or sticker weed as some refer to it, last summer, but did not apply a pre-emergent herbicide in the fall, then you probably have even more growing this year. Lawn burweed will produce painful stickers that you will have to endure each time you walk barefoot on your lawn...unless you take immediate action to control them now.

Currently this weed is soft and green, looking like a dwarf carrot top, approximately 1 inch tall. In the next few weeks it will contain thousands of tiny fish hook stickers, if not controlled .

If your lawn is presently infested with lawn burweed, and the fruiting clusters have not yet formed, you should act immediately to control them. Once the fruiting clusters have formed, and produced the tiny seeds and spines, killing the plants will eliminate the weeds, but the tiny spines and seed will remain to inflict pain for another summer.

Contact broadleaf herbicides applied now will kill it before it develops the stickers. The lawn herbicides containing a combination 2,4-D, MCPP and dicamba work well on lawn burweed. Be sure the herbicide is labeled for your grass species. Always read and carefully follow pesticide labels.

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