



Know your Enemy:

Are you SURE it is Bermudagrass, *Cynodon dactylon* (L.)?



If you cannot tell from these pictures, try the following characteristics:

- ◆ Does its roots “run?”
- ◆ Is it heat and drought tolerant?
- ◆ It is shade intolerant?
- ◆ Does it turn brown in the fall?
- ◆ Is it the last grass to turn green in the spring?

Homeowners can use various methods to reverse the assault of this lawn invader.

An all out attack is recommended for best results:

Cultural Controls:

- ◆ Make sure the lawn is receiving the appropriate amount of water. Bermudagrass appears and thrives in areas of the lawn that are stressed from drought.
- ◆ Pull it out by hand. Dispose in trash or recycle.
- ◆ Mow high. Bermudagrass is shade intolerant. Set your mower on the second highest setting and leave it there.
- ◆ Overseed the invaded area in spring and fall with the desired turf.

Chemical Controls:

After the spring growing season is underway, treat Bermudagrass-infested areas of the lawn with a product called Turflon Ester. Read and follow the directions on the package very carefully. This product will suppress (reduce the vigor of) the existing Bermudagrass while allowing the lawn to gain the competitive edge.

Turflon Ester needs to be applied on the Bermudagrass in the lawn 3-4 times at three-week intervals to give adequate suppression and allow fescue grasses to dominate. Do not reseed for 3 weeks after application. Always read the label before purchasing, applying or disposing of the herbicide. **Take all precautions to avoid spray drift and do not apply on hot days as volatility may allow drift to injure sensitive desirable plants.**



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[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/umatilla/
master_gardener/mg](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/umatilla/master_gardener/mg)

For More Information:

OSU Website:

Publication EM 8776 *Perennial Weed Biology
and Management*

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/results.php?
cat=Gardening](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/results.php?cat=Gardening)

Pest Notes:

Weeds – Bermudagrass PDF/PESTNOTES/
pnbermudagrass.pdf

Publication 7453 *Bermudagrass*

University of California Davis Website

[http://www.imp.ucdavis.edu/PMG/
menu.homegarden.html](http://www.imp.ucdavis.edu/PMG/menu.homegarden.html)

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Society of Weed Science, Laramie, WY, 1991.)

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