

Water the Plants, Not the Weeds!

Weeds! Ugh! If it is a good year for your garden plants to grow - that also means it is a good year for weeds to grow! But they just grow faster!

How do you keep the weeds from ruining your garden?

1. Rack or Hoe between the garden plants. Get those little sprouts of weeds before they take over! There is no replacement for **constant 'weeding'** your garden. But a little time spent in the spring will mean you won't have to spend lots of time in the middle of the summer.
2. Water only your garden plants - don't spray the entire area. It take a bit more time to carefully water only your plants, but it pays off later. **Don't water the weeds!**
3. **Mulch.** With the right mulch you can conserve soil moisture, improve soil fertility, and reduce weed growth.



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