

CMG Garden Notes #356

Homework: Weed Management in the Home Landscape

1. You get a call from a client who just moved to Colorado late last fall. Their new home comes with a couple of large raised bed vegetable gardens. They noticed last fall that the beds had become overgrown with weeds. One of them they recognize as bindweed – but they aren't sure what the others are? Being new to veggie gardening, they are looking for advice on how best to manage the weeds in these beds come spring when they begin learning about vegetable gardening in Colorado. Provide them some SCIENCE-BASED recommendation on how to effectively manage the weeds in these raised beds – providing all options (chemical, as well as non-chemical).

2. A client brings you a sample of this weed growing in their lawn. Their questions are simple:
 - Why do I have it...where did it come from?
 - Why does it keep coming back when I pull it?
 - How do I get rid of it?



Remember: provide them with science-based information and options for management of this weed.

3. A client calls to complain about a neighbor whose weeds in their lawn and garden are tall and unmowed and noxious and going to seed. They want to know what CSU and the Extension office can do about this problem. What kind of help can you provide them?

4. A client wants to turn part of their lawn into a vegetable garden or flower bed – but doesn't want to use herbicides to do so. What are some effective, SCIENCE-BASED options for this homeowner to use to convert a bluegrass or fescue or bermudagrass lawn into a vegetable or flower garden?