

Pre-Emergent FAQ



In the coming weeks, DLC Resources, Inc., crews will be moving throughout your Community spraying Pre-Emergent, an herbicide that will help keep weeds from germinating in your common areas.



WHAT IS PRE-EMERGENT AND WHY DO YOU USE IT?

To control weeds over a large area, herbicides are the most efficient tools available. Pre-emergent is a type of herbicide that is designed to minimize the number of weed seeds that germinate in the soil. It is generally applied in the fall to help minimize spring weeds. Because pre-emergent helps keep seeds from germinating, it allows us to stay ahead of spring weeds and helps us take care of them before they become a problem.

WHY ARE THERE PEOPLE SPRAYING THE COMMON AREAS?

Pre-emergent is applied using a sprayer. During this time, you will see DLC employees dressed in personal protective equipment (as required by the herbicide labels) spraying the granite areas by hand. There may also be a cart or small vehicle used to spray larger areas.

WHAT ARE YOU SPRAYING?

We use a product called Indaziflam (an herbicide) and a surfactant called Umbrella, which helps the herbicide stick to the surface. These products are approved by the EPA and regulated by the Arizona Department of Agriculture (PMD) to be used in landscape and right of ways. Both products are mixed and diluted with water according to their label rates. They will dry about 10-15 minutes after application.

ARE YOU TRAINED AND CERTIFIED TO USE THE HERBICIDES?

All DLC Spray Technicians are certified by the Arizona Department of Agriculture Pest Management Division, and we fully comply with all State regulations and guidelines for herbicide use. That includes ceasing spray operations if the wind speed exceeds 5 mph. Our Spray Techs are also trained to try to cease application around residents, pedestrians and children until those parties are clearly out of the work areas.

WHY IS THE DECOMPOSED GRANITE BLUE?

The pre-emergent is colored blue so that we can easily tell which areas have been sprayed. The color will fade away with sunlight or after a rain.