



Keywords for Weeds Module

The purpose of this list is to help you focus on the important keywords from all the educational materials. Please note, these words and definitions do not need to be memorized. Keywords on this list appear in order of appearance in the manual.

Annuals	Plants that complete their life cycle in one growing season.
Biennials	Plants that require two growing seasons to complete their life cycle.
Perennials	Plants that live for three years or more.
Monocot	Group of plants whose seed has one cotyledon, typically 3 flower parts, and long narrow leaves with veins that run parallel.
Dicot	Group of plants whose seed has two cotyledons, typically 4-5 flower parts, and wide leaves with veins that radiate out from midrib.
Seed bank	The accumulated viable (able to germinate) weed seeds in soil.
Invasive plants	Non-native introductions that have become troublesome and more commonly occur in relatively unmanaged habitats like forests, parks, or wetlands. Invasives reduce native plant diversity by outcompeting the existing plant species and dominating the plant community.
Cultivation	Tilling or turning soil to prepare a site.
Pre emergent herbicide	Herbicide that prevents germination and growth of seeds and young seedlings.
Post emergent herbicide	Herbicide that is applied to established plants.



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Selective herbicide	Herbicide that has activity on one group of plants, but little to none on other groups of plants.
Nonselective herbicide	Herbicide that has activity on/injures any plant tissue it comes into contact with.