Alternatives to Herbicides for 
WEED MANAGEMENT

SOIL HEALTH
Cultivate your soil for growing grass, not weeds.

OVERSEEDING
Help grass outcompete weeds and repair patchy spots in lawns.

MOWING
Mow at the proper height to reduce weeds. Standard practice is to remove the top third of the grass height.

STRING TRIMMER
Clear weeds from hardscapes with a string trimmer.

HEAT
Kill weeds at the roots with heat using flame weeders, steam weeders, or foam steamers.

CRACK SEALING
Repair cracks in pavement to help prevent weed seeds from germinating.

MULCH
Maintain mulch at 3 to 5 inches to improve water conservation and weed management.

HAND-PULLING
Hand-pull weeds before they set seed to help reduce infestations.

XERISCAPING
Replace ornamental plants with native species that require less water and maintenance.

IRRIGATION
Prevent excess weed growth with proper irrigation timing and equipment.

SOLARIZATION
Kill weed seeds with soil solarization by cooking the soil under a plastic tarp.

GOATS
Hire goats to eat weeds and clear fields of unwanted vegetation.

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