Alternatives to Herbicides for Weed Management

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

**STRING TRIMMER**
Clear weeds from hardscapes with a string trimmer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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