

Weed Control in Established Gardens

Weed control in an established garden can be a major problem, especially when a substantial weed seed bank has accumulated over the years. It can be accomplished using several techniques, often in combination:

- Mulching between established plants using hay, straw, plastic film, cover crops, or other materials
- Setting aside parts of your garden for growing cover crops to choke out weeds
- Setting aside parts of your garden for fallow tillage (repeated germination and tillage of weeds)
- Physical removal of weeds before they go to seed.

These are just a few techniques that can be used. Contact your county Extension office for more information on weed control techniques.