

Questions that need to be answered prior to purchasing or using a herbicide

What plant are you trying to get rid of?

Is this plant an Annual? Biennial? Perennial? A shrub or tree?

Is it a monocot or dicot?

Is it herbaceous or woody?

What is the life stage? (Seedling, juvenile, mature)

Is it a winter or summer weed?

Has it gone to seed?

What are the soil conditions? How wet/dry, what is the pH?

Is the weed causing damage to other plants?

What kind of plants are the weeds growing in and around? Describe.

Can you use solarization to control this weed?

Is this herbicide effective on this weed?

Do you have the proper safety equipment for this herbicide?

Do you have the proper application equipment? Do you know how to calibrate it?

Do you understand how to mix if necessary?

Do you need a selective or non-selective herbicide?

Do you know what time of day, temperature, sunlight, wind conditions are necessary before applying this herbicide?

Do you know how long the herbicide will persist?

Do you know if the herbicide will need to be incorporated into the soil? Will it need to be irrigated in?

Links for more information:

<http://wric.ucdavis.edu/>

http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/weeds_common.html

<http://www.wssa.net/>