# OHP HERBICIDE SOLUTIONS



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# What is a weed?

A weed is commonly defined as any plant growing out of place. This definition may be expanded to indicate that a weed is an unwanted plant that causes difficulty in growing desirable plants. Production ornamental weed problems can range from weeds inside or outside growing facilities to weeds in and around containers, under benches and in non-crop areas. Weeds can harbor insect pests and diseases and compete for nutrients and space. The presence of weeds also reduces the aesthetic quality and saleability of plants.



**Container ornamentals in outside production areas.** Weeds either in the container or on the base ground cloth or gravel bed.



**Growing blocks and pads.** Weeds are often found in rock pads or weed cloth areas. Cracks in the soil or tears in the cloth provide opportunities for weed development.



Weeds in field grown ornamentals or shrubs. Weeds not only compete for water and nutrients but also harbor mice and other pests capable of damaging the plants.



Weeds under benches in greenhouses, hoophouses or shade houses. These are prime harborage sites for insects such as thrips, fungus gnats and others.

# Sanitation and weed management programs

Just as sanitation is important in insect and disease control programs, it is very important in a good weed management program. The old adage from weed scientists is "One year of weeds, seven years of seeds." While this may be an exaggeration, it serves as a reminder that we need to control weeds both in the growing areas and perimeters to reduce new weed seeds entering our production zones.

In nursery production the first place to look for weeds is around the soil mix or soil filling area. Some weeds such as spurges can produce hundreds of seeds per plant and can easily

How well a pre-emergent herbicide performs is a matter of the product selected, the application rate, environmental conditions, watering practices, and how many times the product has been used over time. Herbicide rotation is critical in getting the most out of a weed control program. contaminate a large volume of soil. Greenhouse situations offer additional problems such as weeds growing under benches and outside of houses. These are not only a source of weed seeds but also harbor insects and diseases. Container grown plants face competition from weeds emerging from the top of the container and also germinating from the weep holes at the bottom of the pot or growing on the weed mat or gravel bed. While sanitation seems to be very simple it needs to be part of a program solution to reduce the overall weed population before other control solutions are considered.

#### **Herbicide Rotation Program**

There is no one herbicide that will control **ALL** weeds. All herbicide specimen labels contain a list of weeds controlled. Some are better on grassy weeds; others on broadleaves and some are good on both weed types.



Common sites for weed control problems in ornamentals

#### Herbicide Rotation (Cont.)

The goal is to change the MOAs from time to time. One challenge with MOA group 3, for instance, is that the products in the group are used extensively for grassy weed control and there are few other options. Other considerations are the weeds controlled by the herbicides, application timing, water incorporation, etc. The use of a burn-down herbicide such as FireWorxx<sup>™</sup> under benches, walkways, perimeters etc. will eliminate weeds. Use before the weeds go to seed. For container use, a thorough hand weeding prior to herbicide application will help product performance.

# **The OHP Herbicide Family**

**Biathlon®** – pre-emergent granular herbicide for control of weeds in field and container production ornamentals, conifers and Christmas trees, and grounds maintenance. Contains oxyfluorfen and prodiamine formulated on a low-dust, low-odor granule. Minimal PPE required.

**Casoron®** – pre-emergent granular herbicide for control of many troublesome weeds in and around established woody landscape ornamentals, non-crop areas, fruit and nut trees, and respective nurseries. Long-term (9-10 months) activity.

**FireWorxx<sup>™</sup>** – post-emergent liquid burn-down herbicide for control of weeds in greenhouse, nursery and landscape ornamentals, grounds maintenance, and non-cropland areas. Fast-acting, non-selective control of broadleaf weeds, grasses, algae, and mosses.

**Fortress**<sup>®</sup> – pre-emergent granular herbicide for control of weeds in nursery containers and field-grown ornamentals. Formulated on a low-dust, low-odor granule, Fortress offers excellent plant tolerance and control of grassy and broadleaf weeds on perennials and grasses without harming desirable plants. Contains isoxaben and dithiopyr.

**Fuerte®** – pre-emergent granular herbicide for control of weeds in field, container and landscape ornamentals, grounds maintenance, and non-cropland areas. Contains flumioxazin and prodiamine for control of both grassy and broadleaf weeds. Formulated on a low-dust, low-odor granule.

# Calibrating and using granular herbicides

Growers generally use granular herbicides to cover large container areas or where plants are not tolerant to liquid sprays. While granular products may differ in particle size or rates per acre, application methods are the same. Usually they are applied using hand or powered rotary spreaders or larger air-assisted boom spreaders. Whichever method you choose, it is very important to calibrate your equipment to deliver the proper dose, usually 100-200 lbs. per A (acre). Most herbicide manufacturers offer a plastic calibration pan specific to their product. To calibrate, place several of the calibration pans on the ground. The user makes an application pass over the pans and the granules collect in the pan. OHP has a new style of calibration pan, gold in color (see next page). This pan is ½

sq. ft. in size and has a collection site in one corner. By tipping the pan towards the corner and filling the collection well the user will see how much material fills the clear window and corresponding fill-line markers. The applicator compares the result and adjusts speed or flow settings to apply the correct dose of product. Many calibration pans have corner dimples premeasured for the correct dosage. If the granules fail to fill the dimple or over-fill the dimple, then the applicator must change his pace or adjust the spreader setting. Repeat this calibration process until the proper dose is achieved. It is important for the applicator to go through this process to ensure uniform and proper coverage of the herbicide.



# **OHP Granular Herbicide Pan Calibration Chart**



# Granular application rates per container

	6" Diameter	8" Diameter	10" Diameter	12" Diameter
100 lbs./A	0.20 g	0.36 g	0.57 g	0.82 g
150 lbs./A	0.31 g	0.55 g	0.85 g	1.23 g
200 lbs./A	0.41 g	0.73 g	1.14 g	1.64 g

OHP calibration pan with directions for use sticker





#### **OHP Calibration Pan Directions (Pan Sticker):**

- 1. The first step to calibrate for any OHP herbicide is to determine the rate required (lbs./A), located in the left hand column. (To determine the setting for Biathlon at 100 lbs./A refer to the Biathlon column. The 100 lbs./A setting is line mark 2.)
- 2. Next, place the calibration pan on the ground, apply the product using a comfortable pace, passing over the pan. When finished, tilt the calibration pan up, tap the product evenly into the corner collection well.
- 3. Determine lbs./A by viewing the level of the product within the window line marks. Adjust your pace (slower to increase rate, faster to decrease rate) and the equipment settings to deliver the correct rate.
- **Note:** Calibration should be done for every operator if using hand held equipment. It is also helpful to repeat this procedure a few times for accurate calibration.

For assistance with calculations or calibration of equipment, contact your OHP representative or university extension agent.



# **FireWorxx Quick Fill Sheet Guide**

	Handcan	Backpack
% FireWorxx	FireWorxx rate per 1 gallon	FireWorxx rate per 4 gallon
3%	4 fl. oz.	16 fl. oz.
6%	8 fl. oz.	32 fl. oz.
9%	12 fl. oz.	48 fl. oz.

#### **FireWorxx<sup>™</sup> Product Information:**

This product is a fast-acting, non-selective broadleaf weed, grass, algae and moss killer. This product is not translocated. It will burn only those plant parts that are coated with spray solution.

This product can be used any time during the year and works best during sunny, warm and dry conditions. Application during cold weather may delay appearance of plant damage. If rain falls within 3 hours of treatment, an additional spray may be required

#### **Application Directions**

Shake well before using. Dilute with water using the chart above as a guide.

Use the 3% solution for small, easy-to-kill weeds less than 5 inches tall and for moss and algae.

Use the 6% solution for larger annual weeds and grasses.

Use the 9% solution for tough to kill perennial weeds, vines, brush and sucker control.

#### Tank mixing with other herbicides:

Use 1% rate to improve efficacy of other herbicides including glyphosate; glufosinate can be used to improve control of glyphosateresistant weeds. Observe all the precautions on all tank mix partner labels.



Before: FireWorxx sprayed with adjuvant



After: FireWorxx showing burn down one hour after application.



Video timelapse of FireWorxx herbicide knockdown!





Annual Bluegrass, poa



Bittercress (Cardamine spp)



Cheat



Chickweed, mouse-ear



**Curly Dock** 





Barnyardgrass, common



Carolina Geranium



Chamomile/Mayweed



Clover, white



Dandelion, common



Bermudagrass



Carpetweed



Chickweed, common



Crabgrass



Dogfennel



Doveweed



Fescue, tall



Florida Pusley



Groundsel, common



Henbit



Eclipta



Field Bindweed



Foxtail, green



Hairy Bittercress



Horsetail



Evening Primrose, Common



Fleabane



Goosegrass



Hawksbeard



Johnson grass





Knotweed



Long Stalked Phyllanthus



Mulberry Weed



Nightshade, black



Orchardgrass





Kyllinga, green



Marestail



Mugwort



Northern Willow Herb



Parthenium



Lambsquarters, common



Morning Glory



Mustard, wild



Nutsedge, yellow



Pepperweed, Virginia



Pigweed, Palmer



Purslane, common



Shepherd's Purse



Spurge, spotted



Thistle, bull



Plantain, buckhorn



Ragweed, common



Smartweed



Sida, prickly/teaweed



Vetch



Puncturevine



Ryegrass



Spurge, prostrate



Sow Thistle, annual



Wood Sorrel, Yellow (Oxalis)



**WEED MANAGEMENT:** Use the following chart to develop a resistance management strategy.  $\checkmark$  = labeled

TRADE NAME	Biathlon®	Casoron® 4G	<b>Fortress</b> ®	<b>F</b> uerte <sup>®</sup>
Active Ingredient	Oxyfluorfen + Prodiamine	Dichlobenil	lsoxaben + Dithiopyr	Flumioxazin + Prodiamine
MOA	14+3	20	21+3	14+3
WEED				
Alyssum, Hoary				1
American black nightshade				
Annual Bluegrass/ poa	1	1	$\checkmark$	1
Amaranth, palmer, spiny				1
Aster, Heath			$\checkmark$	
Barnyardgrass, common	1		✓	1
Bearded Sprangetop	1			
Beggarweed, Florida				✓
Bermudagrass				
Bidens Aristosa				
Bittercress (Cardamine)	1		$\checkmark$	1
Black Medic			$\checkmark$	
Bromegrass			✓	
Bull Thistle		✓		
Buckwheat, wild				
California Burclover				✓
Camphorweed		✓		
Canada Thistle, common		✓		
Carolina False Dandelion		✓		
Carolina Foxtail				
Carolina Geranium				
Carpetweed		✓	1	✓
Cat's Ear Dandelion				
Chamberbitter			1	
Cheat				
Cheatgrass				
Chickweed, common	1	✓	1	✓
Chickweed, mouse-ear			1	1
Chickweed, sticky				
Clover, white				
Coffee Weed		✓		
Convolvulus Arvensis				
Copperleaf, Virginia				
Corn speedwell				
Crabgrass	✓	$\checkmark$	✓	1
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МОА	14+3	20	21+3	14+3
WEED				
Crabgrass, large/hairy			1	1
Crabgrass, smooth			1	✓
Crabgrass, Southern			1	1
Creeping Dayflower				
Croton, Tropic				1
Crowfootgrass			1	1
Cudweed, linear-leaf/purple	1	1	1	
Cudweed, purple				
Cupgrass, Woolly				1
Cutleaf, Evening Primrose				
Dallasgrass			1	
Dandelion, common	1	1	1	1
Dayflower, Benghal				1
Deadnettle, Red		1		
Dichondra				
Dodder				
Dogfennel		1		1
Doveweed				1
Eclipta	✓		1	1
Evening Primrose, common		1		
Fall Panicum	✓		1	
False Chamomile				
False Dandelion		1		
Fescue		1		
Fiddleneck		✓		
Field Pansy				
Filaree, redstem				✓
Fireweed	1		1	
Fleabane	1		1	
Florida Betony				
Florida Pusley		1		✓
Foxtail Brome				
Foxtail, giant		1		1
Foxtail, green	1	1	1	1
Foxtail, yellow	1	1	1	1
Galinsoga, hairy			1	1
Geranium, Carolina			1	1
Goosefoot		1		



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МОА	14+3	20	21+3	14+3
WEED	-		7	
Goosegrass	1		1	1
Groundsel, common	1	✓	1	1
Guineagrass				
Hairy fleabane	1		1	
Hairy nightshade				
Henbit		1	1	1
Horsetail		1		
Indigo, Hairy				1
Itchgrass				1
Jimsonweed				1
Johnsongrass (from seed)				1
Jungle Rice				1
Kikuyu Grass	1		1	
Kochia				✓
Knotweed		1	1	1
Kyllinga, annual sedge				
Ladysthumb			✓	✓
Lambsquarters, common		✓		✓
Lamium Amplexicaule				
Lawn Burweed				
Lespedeza, common			1	
Lettuce, Prickly			1	
Little Mallow				
Liverwort (suppression)				✓
London Rocket			1	
Longstalked Phyllanthus				1
Lovegrass, California				✓
Mallow, common			✓	✓
Mayweed, Chamomile			1	1
Marestail	✓	✓	1	1
Маурорѕ		1		
Miner Lettuce		1		
Morning glory, ivyleaf			1	1
Morning glory, Entireleaf				1
Morning glory, Smallflower				1
Morning glory, Tall				1
Mouse Barley				



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МОА	14+3	20	21+3	14+3
WEED				
Moss, spp.				1
Mulberry Weed				1
Mustard, black				
Mustard, wild			✓	
Natalgrass		1		
Nightshade, Black				1
Nutsedge, purple		✓		
Nutsedge, yellow		✓		
Orchardgrass		✓		
Oxalis, yellow woodsorrel	1	✓	1	1
Panicum, Fall, Texas				1
Parsley-piert			1	1
Parthenium				
Pearlwort	1		1	1
Penn Smartweed		1		
Pennycress, Field				1
Pennywort			1	
Pepperweed, VA	1	1	1	
Pigweed, prostrate	1		1	1
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Pigweed, Smooth				1
Pigweed, Tumble				1
Pineapple Weed		1	1	1
Plantain, bracted			✓	
Plantain, broadleaf			✓ ✓	1
Plantain, buckhorn		1	✓ ✓	· · ·
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Pokeweed, common			1	
Prostrate Knotweed		1		
Prostrate Spurge	1		1	
Puncture Vine				1
Purslane, common		1	1	√
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Ragweed, common		↓ ↓		1
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TRADE NAME	Biathlon®	Casoron® 4G	Fortress®	<b>F</b> uerte <sup>®</sup>
Active Ingredient	Oxyfluorfen + Prodiamine	Dichlobenil	lsoxaben + Dithiopyr	Flumioxazin + Prodiamine
MOA	14+3	20	21+3	14+3
WEED				
Tassel flower				
Texas Panicum		1		
Thickhead				1
Thistle, bull		1		
Thistle, Canada				1
Thistle, Russian		✓		✓
Timothy		✓		
Tropic Ageratum				
Tufted lovegrass				
Velvetleaf				1
Vetch				
Virginia Pepperweed				
Waterhemp, common, tall				1
Wild Artichoke		✓		
Wild Aster		✓		
Wild Barley		✓		
Wild Carrot			1	
Wild Mustard		✓		
Wild Oats			1	
Wild Onion				
Wild Radish		1		
Willowherb, northern				
Witchgrass				1
Woodsorrel, common				1
Woodsorrel, creeping			1	
Woodsorrel, yellow			1	
Yellow Rocket		1		1



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WEED PROBLEM	CROP	OHP SOLUTION

# **OHP QUICK REFERENCE**

# Herbicide Product Rate Guide

Product	Rate per acre
Biathlon®	100 lbs.
Casoron®4G	100 to 200 lbs.
Fortress®	150 lbs.
Fuerte <sup>®</sup>	100 lbs.
FireWorxx™	3 to 9 gallons per 100 gallon mix

Users should read the entire label for full information and application instructions.

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