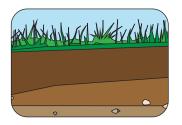
# Alternatives to Herbicides for **WEED MANAGEMENT**

## SOIL HEALTH



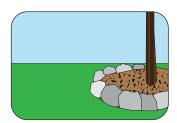
Cultivate your soil for growing grass, not weeds.

## STRING TRIMMER



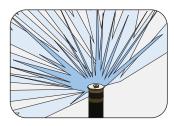
Clear weeds from hardscapes with a string trimmer.

#### MULCH



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

### IRRIGATION



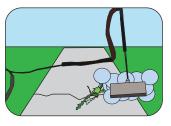
Prevent excess weed growth with proper irrigation timing and equipment.

## OVERSEEDING



Help grass outcompete weeds and repair patchy spots in lawns.

#### HEAT



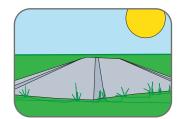
Kill weeds at the roots with heat using flame weeders, steam weeders, or foam steamers.

### HAND-PULLING



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

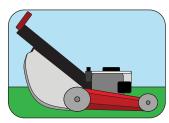
### SOLARIZATION



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

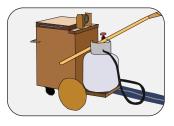
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#### MOWING



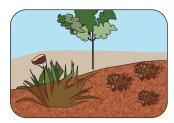
Mow at the proper height to reduce weeds. Standard practice is to remove the top third of the grass height.

## **CRACK SEALING**



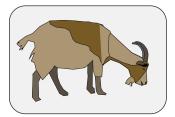
Repair cracks in pavement to help prevent weed seeds from germinating.

## 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.