

FACT SHEET for:
Buffalo Grass (aka St Augustine) Protocol For Spraying Weeds

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– What You Need To Know Before You Start Spraying A New Buffalo Lawn

Video Script

- 1) Giddy it's the Lawn Expert here.
- 2) If you are a contractor like me and you have to treat a new Buffalo Lawn then you need to listen up. (Note: The Buffalo Grass we are talking about is *Stenotaphrum secundatum* – the Buffalo Grass we know in Australia is also known as St Augustine Grass in North America.)
- 3) The first thing you need to be aware of is that there are around 10 different Buffalo varieties sold in Australia and 3 of them DO NOT tolerate the broadleaf weed herbicides registered for use on Buffalo Grass.
- 4) The 3 dodgy Buffalo Grasses are ST26, ST85 and ST91 Buffalo. The moment we spray these varieties they die a couple of weeks later.
- 5) So what we do, in any case, is we test spray the new buffalo lawn. That is, we do a few test spray patches and then 2 to 3 weeks later we re-visit the lawn to see if there is any damage to the grass. When we see that there is no damage then we know we can safely spray the new Buffalo Lawn for all weeds.
- 6) As far as all the good Buffalo lawns in Australia go you will not be disappointed with the Buffalo varieties like Sir Walter, Kings Pride, Matilda and Sapphire Buffalo. From our viewpoint, all these Buffalo varieties are very tolerant of all the herbicides registered for use on them.
- 7) The ST Buffalo varieties were introduced to Australia in the 1980s (or thereabouts) as an alternative to the old scratchy Buffalo. However, decent Buffalo Grasses like Shademaster then Sir Walter hit the scene and all the other grasses have followed.
- 8) The ST varieties are still in use and sold in Australia although they have suffered a bit of negative publicity based on their herbicide intolerance and drought intolerance (based on stunted root systems. Based on the above information less turf growers are growing and selling these turf varieties.
- 9) Hope this helps you out.
- 10) In return and as a favour to me, please **SUBSCRIBE** to our Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/yourlawnandgarden> and please **SHARE** our video to your friends on Facebook, LinkedIn and Pinterest. **Also, please give us the THUMBS up and LIKE our video!!!**