

SUREGUARD® HERBICIDE: OUTSTANDING POA CONTROL IN DORMANT BERMUDAGRASS

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When Damon Dean rooted around in his Bermudagrass roughs, looking for any sign of surviving *Poa annua* after a fall application of SureGuard® Herbicide, he came up happily empty.

"You dig down in there and you can't find any *Poa*, and that's awesome," said Dean, the superintendent at Keith Hills Golf Club in Buies Creek, N.C. "SureGuard is the only one I know of that has that ability—giving you postemergence control—and I think that's awesome."

SureGuard provides turf professionals with fast-acting postemergence and season-long preemergence control of *Poa annua* in a single application when applied to dormant Bermudagrass in the fall (typically November–December). SureGuard also delivers consistent postemergence and long-lasting residual control of winter annual broadleaf weeds such as chickweed and henbit.

"SureGuard has a unique fit for fall treatments after *Poa annua* has germinated, providing postemergence control as well as season-long preemergence control," said Dr. Jason Fausey, regional field development manager for Valent Professional Products. **"No other product can be applied once and work this well on *Poa*."**

Flexibility of application

SureGuard has low water solubility and binds tightly to the soil. And, unlike many other preemergence herbicides, SureGuard does not inhibit root growth. This can help turf recover from winter injury and spring dead spot damage. Plus, SureGuard will not delay spring Bermudagrass green-up.

For optimum postemergence control, SureGuard should be applied when *Poa annua* is young and actively growing during Bermudagrass dormancy.

"If you put out SureGuard at dormancy, you don't have those ragged weeds popping up and making things look bad. You get a smoother transition," said Dr. Bert McCarty, professor of horticulture at Clemson University. "People don't mind Bermudagrass going dormant as long as it's not full of weeds. SureGuard helps ease that going into winter."

New mode of action

SureGuard also provides a novel mode of action that supports resistance management strategies for *Poa annua* and other tough, glyphosate- and ALS-resistant weeds.

"SureGuard fills a need," McCarty said. "It provides good *Poa annua* control in the fall... and it's a pretty versatile material that gives us another rotational option to help with resistance issues."

Making quick work of *Poa*

Despite generally cooler temperatures in late fall, SureGuard performed well in McCarty's trials when applied at a rate of 12 oz/A.

"SureGuard is a lot quicker-acting than existing products, which slow down when it cools off," McCarty said. "SureGuard seems able to do its thing regardless of the temperature or the weather. You start seeing activity within hours instead of days."

At Keith Hills, the home course for Campbell University golf, Dean remains impressed with the results delivered by SureGuard.

"It was clean," he said of his roughs. "I plan on using SureGuard again, that's for sure."

For more information on SureGuard, contact your Valent territory manager or visit www.valentpro.com/sureguard.



Untreated Control
Image Taken: Jan. 18



SureGuard 12 oz/A —Nov. 1
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(78 Days After Application)

SureGuard provides excellent control of *Poa annua* when applied to dormant Bermudagrass in the late fall.

Source: Dr. Scott McElroy, Auburn University.



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