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Dealing with Yellow Nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*)

It can be very difficult to control...

Nutsedges are perennial weeds in the sedge family that superficially resemble grasses. Although they're often referred to as *nutgrass* and they do resemble grasses, they're not grasses at all, but true sedges.

Nutsedges grow mainly from tubers - or *nutlets* - formed on rhizomes, mostly in the upper 12 inches of the soil. Their leaves (or bracts) are V-shaped in cross section, thicker and stiffer than most grasses, and are arranged in sets of three at the base, whereas grass leaves are in sets of two.

Their stems are solid, and when looked at in cross section, are triangular in shape, while grass stems are hollow and round, and in cross section they're almost flat or oval.

Yellow Nutsedge is the variety most common to **Northern Virginia**... and you'll want to know as much as you can about it to ensure your lawn care efforts are well-targeted.



During the Summer this grass-like weed will tend to grow much faster than your grass, so will soon grow well above it... and quickly become quite apparent. It's yellowy/green in color, and if you allow it to grow too tall, will form yellowy-brown spike seed heads. If you don't treat it, the leaves will die back in the Fall, only to sprout again late the following Spring.



Nutsedges prefer poorly drained soil and spread both by seed and underground tubers, which are about the size of popcorn kernels. You can easily pull the stem and leaves out of the ground, but you'll almost always leave the tubers behind... and they're sure to sprout new leaves.

Nutsedge is one of the most difficult weeds to control selectively, without damaging the *good* grass. In fact, many lawn care companies will tell you there's *no* chemical treatment for it... and if they *do* know of one, they still won't offer it because they lack the knowledge required to apply it effectively and safely... and the solution is expensive.

But at **Bio Green** we do have the required expertise, and we've had particularly good results using an application called Manage™ (halosulfuron). Unless it's included in one of our complete lawn care programs, we offer **nutsedge control treatment** at an additional charge. Contact us for details and a no-obligation quote for your lawn.



If your lawn technician notices **nutsedge** in your lawn he/she should alert you and note it in your file. If you decide you'd like to schedule **nutsedge control treatment**, call our office at **730.450.0034**. Mowing your lawn often enough to prevent the **seed heads** from forming will help to minimize the risk it spreading. And if you know there's **nutsedge** in your neighbor's lawn, make sure you get them to agree to frequent cutting as well... *and share this article with them.*

For answers to your questions, or for your **FREE Bio Green** lawn program quote, be sure to call us at the number below **TODAY!**

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