

PULLING THOSE PESKY WEEDS

When it comes to weeds, they grow like ... well, like weeds. It's like you blink and all of a sudden they explode everywhere. Well, those weeds need to be taken care of. They are taking the nutrients out of the soil that you want for the good plants. Given the chance, they will choke your favorite plants, steal sunlight, and all those goodies from the soil.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

- With your parents' guidance, identify plants and weeds.
- Weed a couple of flower beds or garden areas on two separate occasions. This will give you a good idea of how quickly those pesky weeds come back.

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1. First rule of weeding is - do it often. Small weeds are a whole lot easier to pull up than large ones. So get them while they are young.

2. Second rule is to know what are weeds and what are plants. The garden owner is not going to be pleased when you pull up their prize rose bush.

3. Pull weeds out so that the root comes out too. If the root stays in the ground, the weed will just grow again.

4. Finally, the seeds for weeds are everywhere. Every time we disturb the soil, we give weed seeds the opportunity to get into a spot where they can grow. A trick to getting fewer weeds is try not to disturb the soil.

Well, I bet you are going to be a one of the greatest super weed-pulling Trailblazers I have ever seen.

One last tip, weeds need sunlight and all the same conditions to grow as other plants. Mulch helps prevent weeds from growing. Just in case you were wondering why people mulch their gardens. But you'll cover that in a future lesson.

