

GOOD NEWS ON FALL TREATMENTS

THE CITY OF SEASIDE OREGON WAS HAVING PROBLEMS WITH BLACKBERRIES IN THEIR PARKS AND PROMENADES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE PLANTS GREW TALL AND WOULD SCRATCH PEOPLE AND PETS WHO WERE WALKING ON THE BOARD WALKS. (THE CITY PREFERS TO NOT USE SYNTHETIC CHEMICALS THAT HARM THE ENVIRONMENT.)

IN THE FALL OF 2002, JUST BEFORE THE PLANTS WENT INTO DORMANCY, THEY APPLIED ALLDOWN GREEN CHEMISTRY HERBICIDE® ON THE BLACKBERRY PLANTS. AS YOU KNOW IN THE FALL PLANTS TAKE NUTRIENTS DOWN TO THEIR ROOT SYSTEMS TO HELP THEM SURVIVE WINTER STRESS.

THE CITY AGRONOMIST NOTICED IN THE SPRING OF 2003, WHERE THEY HAD SPRAYED THE FALL BEFORE, THEY WERE GETTING LESS BLACKBERRIES RETURNING. ALSO, DURING THE SUMMER, THEY STILL HAD MANY LESS BLACKBERRY PLANTS RETURNING.

THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE A PRACTICE THAT COULD BE USED ON OTHER PERENIAL WEEDS SUCH AS POISON IVY.

To Summerset

In the early fall of 2002 we used your Alldown product on blackberry vines under our boardwalks along a river thru Seaside.

We are very happy with the results, and to this date we have no return vines that were sprayed last year. It appears that your product did a total kill on the blackberries.

I have heard that if you time the application to when the blackberries are going dormant in the fall they take the product into roots and destroy the plant totally. The Alldown did a good job applying it this way. I'll be experimenting at other times of the year and let you know the results.

Also I am going to use Alldown along our Prom that runs along our oceanfront 1 1/2 miles for spot spraying weeds growing in cement seams and areas in our parks. I normally get complaints from people about using roundup in some of these areas. I am looking forward to telling them about how safe Alldown is and what its made of.

Thanks Again
Street Dept. Foreman Jeffrey B Matman
City of Seaside Oregon