

Pest Alert – Ground Ivy

(Creeping Charlie)



Ground Ivy Goes By Different Names

Whether you know it as Ground Ivy, Creeping Charlie, or Creeping Jenny, this annual weed can be very difficult to control in lawn areas. The difficulty comes from the fact that the plant spreads using both above ground stems called stolons, and below ground shoots called rhizomes. This combination of root and stem systems means that you have to choose the right product and that your timing has to be good to control this weed.

Chemical controls currently available include products containing Triclopyr such as **Bonide Chickweed, Clover and Oxalis Killer**, and combinations of ingredients containing 2, 4-D and Quinclorac such as **Bonide Weed Beater PLUS**, and Carfentrazone formulations such as **Weed Beater UTRA**. Granular products containing a combination of Prodiamine and Sulfentrazone found in **Bonide Weed Beater Complete** also work well to control this weed.

Best control is achieved with 3 separate applications of products, once in spring just after the plant flowers, one following up 3-4 weeks later and a final fall application to kill any residual weeds and to prevent any re-growth in the spring.

Cultural practices including mowing to a height of at least 3", applying a fall fertilizer and overseeding with a quality grass seed can also help control this challenging weed.

Ground Ivy Facts:

- Also known as “Creeping Charlie” or “Creeping Jenny”
- Spreads by stolons above the ground and by rhizomes below the soil
- Related to the Mint family
- *Thrives in moist, shady well fertilized soils*
- Small blue flowers in spring may not be visible unless looking carefully because they are below the leaf canopy and grass surface
- Can be difficult to control

Bonide Ground Ivy Control Products



Weed Beater Ultra Products

- Excellent control for difficult weeds
- RTU, RTS and concentrates available
- Excellent control of Ground Ivy

Chickweed, Clover and Oxalis Killer

- In RTU and Concentrate formulations
- Contains Triclopyr and other effective ingredients
- Works fast on Ground Ivy

Weed Beater Complete

- With or without fertilizer
- Great late season control for Ground Ivy
- Also prevents other weeds including crabgrass
- Fast and effective

Weed Beater Plus Crabgrass and Broadleaf Weed Killer

- Contact and systemic action
- Kills Ground Ivy fast
- Contains Quinclorac and 2,4-D plus Dicamba for total control