

Weeding Tips

1. Most generally, it is not necessary to reduce weeds and undesirable plants to ashes. Your torch will generate sufficient heat to kill at a slow walk. Within hours you will witness green weeds wilting and dieing.
2. Flaming is not a cure-all. It may be necessary to repeat weeding several times per year, depending on the plant species and whether seeds germinate during the growing season. Some weeds are more heat resistant than others and may require several flammings. Always remain a safe distance from flowers, desirable plants and trees. In time, you will determine the range of your torch an may operate in and around plants with ease. Practice makes perfect!
3. If in doubt, don't. This philosophy will save your lawn, garden and peace of mind.
4. Always keep a type ABC fire extinguisher handy.
5. Avoid desirable lawn and garden plants as the torch does not distinguish between desirable and undesirable growth.
6. To determine effectiveness, press flamed weed leaf between thumb and forefinger. A fingerprint usually indicates a good kill.
7. Whenever possible, flame small weeds - the more tender, the easier to kill.
8. Always remain a safe distance from evergreens, pine needles, and all conifers. Highly flammable and easily ignited, pine needles are a fire hazard.
9. Do not flame poison oak, ivy or any plant capable of causing a skin rash. Smoke will contain skin irritants if plants are flamed.

* extracted from Flame Engineering, Inc Operating Instructions and Parts Manual.