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## Controlling Weeds in Landscape Beds

Today on Gardening in a Minute: controlling weeds in landscape beds.

A weed is nothing more than a plant out of place. Unwanted plants can be a pain in the neck, but there are several ways to deal with them.

To keep weeds down, check your landscape frequently and hand-pull them as they come up. Never let weeds go to seed, or they'll reappear in your plant beds next year.

Mulch keeps weeds in check, too. You can use organic materials for mulch, such as bark, wood chips, leaves, and pine straw.

You can also apply inorganic materials, like gravel, pebbles, or woven ground cloth.

Once your weeds are removed, you can use pre-emergence herbicides to prevent them from growing from seed. These products will need to be reapplied occasionally through the season.

For more information about this and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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