

Case Profile

A Weed Killer By Any Name May Not Be The Same!

Alex's [lawn](#) was overrun with dandelions and crabgrass, so he decided to buy an [herbicide](#) to eliminate the pest plants. At the store, he found many weed killer products to choose from. Some of the words Alex read on the herbicide label were new to him, such as [pre-emergent](#) and [post-emergent](#), [selective](#) and [non-selective](#). Alex's investigation of herbicide product labels left him with many questions.

Learn more about the herbicides you or others use! [Click here](#)



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Call NPIC with your questions! The NPIC Pesticide Specialist Alex spoke to when he called explained that some products are designed to kill either **dandelions** OR **crabgrass**, while other products kill all plants (**non-selective** herbicide). Alex learned how certain herbicide (**selective** herbicide), and leave other plants, like his lawn grass, unharmed. A pesticide product label lists the application sites and type of weeds the product claims to kill. If the product kills all plants, it's referred to as non-selective. Alex felt armed with the information he needed to read the herbicide product labels and decide which one would be best for his situation. Get the pesticide information you need to make good pesticide decisions like Alex! Call NPIC at 1-800-858-7378.

any other pesticide questions you might have. If you have a question on a particular pesticide product, get the **EPA registration number** from the label before you call NPIC. Remember, always **read the ENTIRE product label** before you use a pesticide!



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