

## Know your weeds!

There are two different types of weeds:

1. Annual weeds which develop from new seeds every year and die in the winter
2. Perennial weeds which come back from roots under the soil

### Common annual weeds

Annual weeds are most often found in new planters or recently dug-over beds. Their seeds can blow in on the wind too. Dig them out with a hoe or trowel. Don't dig too deep, just enough to remove the ones already growing. For the first few seasons they might keep coming - this is because the weed seeds are still in the soil. Mulching around your plants can reduce this by cutting out light to the seeds, but this is no good if you are trying to grow other seeds too, so sow your own seeds in a row so that you know anything coming up outside these rows is a weed.



Annual nettle (wear gloves)



Groundsel



Hairy bittercress





Shepherds purse



Chickweed

### Common perennial weeds

You are more likely to get these in big garden borders and fields.



Dandelion



Hedge Bindweed



Ground Elder

Apart from the dandelion, some perennial weeds may require treatments to remove them if they are well established. See <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/beginners-guide/control-weeds> for further advice.

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