

Rutherford County

FROM THE GROUND UP



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Lawn and Landscape Weed Science Class Offered by UT/TSU Extension

Many folks who planted tall fescue turfgrass in their lawns last fall may have noticed that in addition to the new grass plants, their lawns are also home to a variety of weeds. If left alone, these weeds will likely become even more visible as they continue to grow and produce a show of pink, purple and white flowers along with a sizable seed crop to help ensure their appearance next season.



Mitchell Mote,
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Weeds are probably the lawn and landscape pest that we get the most questions about from homeowners annually here at the Extension office. Many consider weeds to be a nuisance because they affect the appearance of lawns and landscapes and they compete with desirable plants for space, water, and nutrients. An effective home lawn and landscape weed control program consists of multiple steps including the use of good agronomic or growing practices that favor the development of a strong population of desirable plants along with the timely and correct use of various weed control options.

The UT/TSU Extension office will host a Lawn and Landscape Weed Science class on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane Agri-Park office building auditorium located at 315 John R. Rice Blvd. in Murfreesboro. This free two-hour session will teach participants about the different types of weeds and when they typically appear and tools that anyone can use to help identify the weeds around their home. They will also learn about various weed control options available to homeowners and how they are best used to reduce weed populations. The session will conclude with a walk around the outdoor turfgrass demonstration area to identify common weeds if weather permits.

Anyone interested can register for this free class at <https://forms.gle/grTLbd2wb3gxHzPK7>. You can also register by calling the Extension office at 615-898-7710 from 8:00 – 4:30 Monday through Friday or sending an email to Mitchell Mote at mmotel@utk.edu. It's always appreciated when people pre-register for events, but if you forget, go ahead and imitate some of those weeds in your lawn and just show up! Either way, I hope to see you on March 8 at the weed science class!

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