



HOW TO USE CORN GLUTEN TO CONTROL WEEDS for a Truly Green Lawn

Tips for River Star Homes

What Is Corn Gluten?

- Corn gluten is a powdery yellow by-product of the corn milling process.
- **Provides non-toxic weed control:** Works by inhibiting root formation when the weed is germinating.
- **Results are cumulative over time:** The first application provides 65% control, the second application provides 75% control and the third application provides 80-90% control.



Forms of Corn Gluten:

- **Unprocessed:** Yellow in color, very powdery and fine in texture. It can be best distributed by a spreader but can also be done by hand. Looks like a fine dust of pollen on grass when applied.
- **Granulated corn gluten:** Yellow in color, larger than the unprocessed with a coarser texture. Is best distributed by spreader but can also be done by hand.
- **Pelletized corn gluten:** Small yellow pellets. Is best distributed by hand but can also be done with a spreader.

How to Apply Corn Gluten to Your Lawn:

- **Apply at a rate of 20 lbs/1000 sq. ft. for most lawns:** See product bag for more specific application rates. Can be spread by hand or using a spreader.
- **Apply in successive growing seasons:** Lay down the first application in mid-September, the second in the spring (when the dogwoods bloom) and the third the following fall. You can also apply in a pattern of spring, fall, spring.
- **Allow 4 – 8 weeks after application before applying cover seed:** Corn gluten inhibits root growth during germination, but it does not affect mature plants.
- Can also be applied to walkways and garden beds to prevent weeds but should only be used around mature plants (not seedlings).

