How to Use Corn Gluten to Control Weeds for a Truly Green Lawn
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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 courser 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).

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