

Celebrating 20 Years!



ask the landscape professional

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Welcome to my weekly series!

Feel free to send me questions you'd like to have me answer and I will do my best to address the ones of most general interest. Email or mail your questions to:

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Question this Week: *Help! Last Year, I had a few wild onions/chives in my gardens. This year my gardens are full of them. Pulling doesn't seem to help. What can I do?... G.D.*

Linda's Answer:

Thank you for your question. Wild Onions/garlic need to be dug up and then removed. If you pull them up without loosening the soil around the base of the plant, most of the bulbs/bulb-lets will break off and remain behind to grow another plant. When you dig and pull them out, do not shake the soil off of the bulbs. Instead, put the whole plant, bulbs and soil into a plastic bag and throw it away. Any pieces of the roots that fall off from shaking the soil off the roots can fall to the ground and grow another plant. Never put the plant into your compost pile! Do not allow the plants to flower and then go to seed because each flower produces lots and lots of seeds! Use your lawn mower to cut back the plants to keep them from flowering. Mowing will not kill the plant; just keep it from going to seed. To kill the plant, you can pour boiling water onto it and into the ground around the plant. You may have to do this several times to kill the plant. Be careful though, boiling water will kill anything it touches so protect surrounding plants. I hope this helps with your wild onion problem.



"Purple flowers of the wild onion"

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