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Yellow Nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*)

Description:

Sedges have tall stems with flowers. The stems are triangular, not round. Underground the plants have runners (rhizomes) and many species of sedges also have tubers.

Damage:

Sedges will grow quickly in the summer season but can grow in all Florida seasons. Once established sedges can be very difficult to control. They will thrive in areas of the lawn where the turf is struggling to form a healthy root system.

What will Turf Science Do?

The persistent nature of sedges makes them difficult to control but they do respond to pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicides. Turf Science regularly applies products that will help suppress sedges including a pre-emergent before the main growing season.

What can I do as a homeowner?

Hand weeding will remove the sedges shoots but if the underground tuber isn't removed the sedges will grow back quickly. Sedges thrive in wet areas of turf grass and areas where the soil is compacted. Proper irrigation to prevent your lawn from remaining wet for extended periods of time will help along with aeration.

