

Weeping Lovegrass

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Weeping lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) is a densely clumping perennial, warm-season grass, formed from flattened basally interconnected sprays of long, thin, and wiry basal leaves that arch and droop in all directions almost touching the ground (thus the common name “weeping”). Tall laterally branched flower stalks in early summer to 6 feet (2 m) tall persist with seed having varying fertility during the early winter. Tolerant to fire and drought and bred for cold tolerance. Clumps increase by tillering new plants at the base and infestations increase in density by seed fall.

Recommended control procedures:

■ Thoroughly wet all leaves with one of the following herbicides in water with a surfactant: a glyphosate herbicide or Garlon 3A as a 2-percent solution (8 ounces per 3-gallon mix). Or, apply Arsenal AC* as a 0.5 percent solution (2 ounces per 3-gallon mix) or apply Arsenal Powerline* as a 0.75-percent solution (3 ounces per 3-gallon mix). All applications should be made in early summer when foliage is developed while seeds have not been produced.

* Nontarget plants may be killed or injured by root uptake