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**“How do you manage, suppress or avoid weeds in your garden?”**

Weed early in the season. Mulch deeply. Water as infrequently as possible but deeply. – *BK*

Weed by hand – it really does get better every year (fewer weeds), as long as you get them before they set seed for next year. – *LB*

Weed barrier and gravel. Judicious watering. Pulling and mulching even with weeds. – *SG*

Cultivate the soil well, add nutrients (such as gypsum, Gro-Power, compost), grade soil, and add a layer of weed block. Cut a hole through the weed block to plant each plant, then add 2–3 inches of mulch. – *GK*

Mulching. With lots of plants there’s not much room for weeds, and our desert tortoise eats them! – *DC*

I converted my spray irrigation system so each plant is now watered by individual emitters and it almost eliminated weeds. Also I’ve used 6-8 layers of wet newspaper as a weed barrier. – *DBG*