

## Weeds in your yard

A very wet winter and the glorious sunshine that we all love this time of year have conspired to produce a wonderful crop of weeds in our landscape, both grass and rock. As you remember, our common areas were especially hard hit with this problem and we worked with our landscape company Pro-Qual to get the area looking like it should. It took some time and effort, but we managed to return our landscape areas to an appearance we are proud to have the spring training visitors see as they pass outside of our community.

Now the burden is shifted to those of you who have allowed Mother Nature to add to your landscape with a wonderful crop of weeds. Regular observation by both our community manager, Vision Community Management, and by the board of directors, has revealed that we are not doing what is needed to control the weeds in our yards. If each of us spent a few minutes each week to control the weeds in our yards, it would go a long way to improving the look of the community, and reduce the chance of being fined for non-compliance of the community rules.

As I am sure you know, there are many ways to combat the weed problem. The good old fashioned pulling of the weeds may seem like a lot of work, but there are other methods that work well also. Using a hoe or a Hula Hoe reduces the strain on the back or knees, a shovel slid in at the base of the weed cuts it off and allows you to pick up or rake up the top. There are numerous chemical products that are effective weed and grass killers and if you use a pump sprayer to apply them it takes little time and effort to apply the herbicide and in a few days, no more green weeds.

For those who do not have the time or ability to control the weeds themselves, there are also numerous companies that provide landscaping services, who will remove the weeds and clean up your yard.

Regardless of the method, please address the problem of weeds in your landscape. Your neighbors will appreciate the effort and it may possibly encourage them into doing something with their weeds.