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In researching this article, I found one instance where a homeowner was so incensed by the weeds in her patio that she set fire to them with a blowtorch! Luckily, several items provide better service as a weeding tool and there are several better alternatives for brick patio weed control.

Of course, the best method of brick patio weed control is proper installation of your brick patio. An under-layment of pea gravel, topped by a layer of sturdy landscape cloth, covered with a layer of sand will give your brick patio a firm footing as well as cramp the style of any weeds in the area. Nevertheless, if your brick patio is already installed and running rampant with weeds, here are some tips to help you succeed in brick patio weed control.

First, to make your brick patio weed control plan a success, implement your plan before weeds flower. This keeps weeds from going to seed and helps make a short-term plan last for a longer time.

For the following tip and other tips that involve weed dousing of one sort or another, use a piece of cardboard or scrap of Plexiglas to protect nearby plants.

One of the best ways to kill a vegetable of any kind is to cook it. Boiling water is a natural and very inexpensive weed-wilting and works to kill most forms of annual weeds and kills or weakens many types of perennial weeds. A teakettle is your weeding tool. Fill it with water and bring it to a boil. While you're waiting (because a watched pot never boils, you know!) go outside and cut the culprits down to their crowns. When the water begins to boil, grab the kettle (using a potholder) and pour the water on the crowns of the weeds, holding the kettle high enough only to avoid splashing. Killing weeds with boiling water will also scald any biological organisms that get splashed, but more will return as soon as the soil cools.

Vinegar will kill most weeds. However, grocery store vinegar is normally a 5% solution and is too weak to do the job. Ten-percent vinegar will kill most weeds and usually is found where canning and pickling supplies are sold. A 20% solution of vinegar kills really stubborn weeds, but is frequently more than

twice as expensive as 10%. Try the 10% for brick patio weed control before you make the investment in a stronger solution. Spray the vinegar directly on the weeds, using the shield mentioned above and taking care not to inhale fumes. You may also want to wear gloves and eye protection as a further safeguard for this type of brick patio weed control.

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Patio - Attachments And Benefits

By Sharon Albright

A patio is an outdoor place adjoining a house, which is often used for recreation. It is usually roofless and is paved. The base of the patio is formed of layers of sand and cement. On top of this base, the concrete and stone slabs are placed.

Since patio is an open space without any roof, it becomes difficult to enjoy yourself in the patio during rains and during hot temperatures. Thus, to enjoy all types of weather outside, a patio awning is essential. The patio awning gives your protection from adverse weather conditions. With the help of this shade, you can enjoy the patio anytime you want to without having to worry about getting wet, or the harmful UV rays.

The patio awning provides you the ideal way to have meals outside, under the shade. Under the protective awning canvas, you can enjoy meals with your family and friends. A patio awning is cheaper compared to a pool and a gazebo. The patio awning comes in different sizes, fabrics and colors to suit the style of your patio.

The patio gazebo is the ideal way of making your patio look more attractive and cozy. They are available in various shapes, sizes, materials and qualities. It is important to locate the place on the patio where to position the patio gazebo. If you have a small or a mid-size patio, then it is best to place it in the corner. In this way it will be out of the place and yet noticeable.

If you have a large patio, you can easily place the patio gazebo in any place you like according to the design. Being placed in the middle of the patio with the other patio furniture surrounding it can highlight the patio gazebo. The patio gazebo can be installed by bolting them to the surface. You can even cut postholes, place the poles and then cement the posts into the ground. The method of installing a gazebo on the patio depends totally on the design and the weight of the gazebo.

Certain metal or wrought iron gazebos do not require digging of the base to install it. They are simply placed on top of the patio and are freestanding. It is advisable to buy a heavy gazebo that will be freestanding to avoid it from being blown away with winds.

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