

## Fruit of the Loam

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# Control of bindweed

Bindweed is difficult to control, especially for homeowners. So my suggestion is to give up and move to another state! I am just kidding. Here in the city limits my guess is everyone probably has bindweed problems.

We have used *Hi-Yield Killzall* for years in our yard and around the store. *Hi-Yield Killzall* does exactly what it says, it kills all plants. So you must be careful. If we are spraying around trees and shrubs and flowers we put a shield between the desirable plant and the bindweed. That way I don't get any spray on the desirable plant. My shield is usually a piece of cardboard.

Our new product, *Fertilome Weed Out plus Q* can be used in turf grass on bindweed and many other weeds. *Fertilome Weed Out plus Q* will kill both grassy and broadleaf weeds but not hurt the turf grass. This product will give you a good knock down of bindweed in the turf.

What have I found that works the best in a vegetable garden? My understanding from reading and watching bindweed over the years is the following. It takes 22 degrees to kill a bindweed plant in the fall. Our tomatoes and peppers and other vegetables are killed in the fall when it freezes at 32 degrees. So after the garden freezes the bindweed is still green. That is when you want to go in with *Hi-Yield Killzall* and spray the garden. We have done this over the years and it has slowed up the bindweed considerably the following year.

Years ago I read you can control bindweed by hand pulling but you must stay with it. Never allow the bindweed plant to produce more than six leaves or it strengthens its roots! We grow our own and that's the difference.

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