Dealing with Dandelions: What Every Homeowner Should Know

Mid-summer is prime time for dandelions to spread across Cooper's Crossing. While their yellow blooms have faded, fluffy white seed heads are now drifting from yard to yard—and if left unchecked, they can quickly take over.

We want to thank the many residents who are actively managing dandelions on their property. If you haven't yet taken steps, now is the perfect time to pitch in and help keep our community looking its best.

Who's Responsible?

The **City of Airdrie** does provide weed control in public spaces, but only when dandelion levels reach a specific threshold. Treatments can occur **at any time of year**, depending on budget, weed density, weather, and staff availability.

However, **private property and the adjacent green strip across the sidewalk are the homeowner's responsibility**. This is a standard expectation in Cooper's Crossing and across Airdrie. Keeping these areas tidy helps protect your lawn and your neighbours' from unwanted spread.

How to Manage Dandelions

You don't need chemicals or fancy equipment—just a bit of consistency and care:

- **Remove seed heads now**: Stop the spread by removing white puffballs before they float away.
- **Hand-pull where possible**: Use a weeding tool after rain or watering to remove roots effectively.
- **Keep your grass healthy**: Tall grass (2.5–3 inches) shades the soil and crowds out new weeds.
- **Fix bare patches**: Overseeding thin areas will thicken your lawn and reduce weed-friendly gaps.
- **Dispose properly**: Don't compost mature dandelions—bag and discard them in yard waste.

Fertilize for Long-Term Control

A healthy lawn is your best defense against dandelions. Fertilizing strengthens roots, promotes dense growth, and helps your lawn outcompete weeds. Apply a slow-release fertilizer 2–4 times per year and water well after application.

A Community Effort

Cooper’s Crossing is known for its well-kept homes and beautiful green spaces. Let’s all do our part to maintain that standard. Even a few minutes of attention to dandelions on your own property—and the boulevard strip next to it—can make a big difference.

Need more tips? Email us anytime: **info@cooperscrossingresidents.com**

Let’s work together to keep Cooper’s Crossing beautiful—one lawn at a time!