How to get rid of Brambles

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How to remove brambles from UK gardens permanently. Covers cutting back, root removal, glyphosate treatment, stump methods, and preventing regrowth.

Brambles (Rubus fruticosus) are the UK's most common invasive woody weed, capable of growing 2-3 metres per season and rooting wherever arching stems touch the ground. Manual removal requires cutting stems to 15cm, then digging out root crowns to a depth of 20-30cm. Glyphosate applied at 360g/L concentration in September or October, when the plant is translocating nutrients to its roots, achieves 85-95% kill rates.

Growth Rate	Up to 3m per season
Spray Timing	September-October for 85-95% kill
Root Crown Depth	Dig to 20-30cm to prevent regrowth
Full Clearance	2-3 seasons for established patches

Key takeaways

Brambles grow up to 3 metres per season and root wherever arching stems touch soil

September to October is the most effective time for glyphosate treatment

Root crowns must be dug out to 20-30cm depth to prevent regrowth

Established bramble patches take 2-3 seasons to clear completely

You are legally required to cut back brambles that encroach onto neighbouring property

Covering cleared ground with heavy-duty landscape fabric for 12 months prevents regrowth

How to Contact the Editor

If you have comments or you know I have given wrong advice then please contact me by email at

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If you have something to contibute or have a say on allotment life, then please use my email to send your contributions.

I am going to process the magazine issue once a month, so if there are comments you would like to make they can be answered in future editions.

I would like to add that most of the articles are taken off the web and some well known gardening and allotments magazines have been read in the making of our magazine content.

We also have our own website at :

www.yeovil-allotments-association.co.uk

where you can find this magazine as well as a catalogue

Happy Allotmenteering and best wishes,

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