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## **Roger Doiron question**

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Question:

How do I keep grass from coming up in our vegetable garden?

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Answer::

Determined weeds, such as grass -- especially tough rhizomatous grasses -- can be a real headache. In planted sections of the garden, lay down a layer of up to eight sheets of newspaper and top it with a heavy mulch such as wood chips to hold down the newspaper. Cover pathways with sheets of cardboard, again held in place with heavy mulch. Be sure to overlap the edges of the newspaper or cardboard. If you use soaker hoses or a drip system to water, just cover them up with the mulch, and this system will preserve even more soil moisture. Otherwise, when watering, make sure that the water soaks down through the paper to reach the soil. Reprinted from *The Veggie Gardener's Answer Book* Copyright 2008 by Barbara W. Ellis, with permission from Storey Publishing. Creative Commons photo credit: Roger Doiron

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Grass and grassy weeds are overtaking my garden. What can I do?

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