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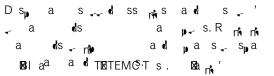
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Start weed control early in the season. The weeds have gotten ahead of this gardener in an early spring! © R. Campbell, Dalhousie.

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These weeds have been left to die in the sun. Remember that they can quickly re-grow in the right conditions! © R. Campbell, Dalhousie.

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Straw is an e ective mulch for annual weed control.© Tracy Kittilsen, Dalhousie.

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