

## TRIMEC PLUS ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Trimec Plus was taken off the market last year since it contained MSMA. In fact, MSMA is still in production but current labeling is highly restrictive and limited to golf course use only.

Trimec Plus was basically MSMA and regular Trimec. This formulation was able to kill most any grassy weed traditional Trimec couldn't handle. Suffice to say the loss of MSMA has made controlling grassy weeds challenging but there are options.

For the most part, Quinclorac has replaced MSMA and has gained general acceptance. We carry it in a few formulations with the Weed-Out being popular since it can handle both grassy and broadleaf weeds.

Weed Out: <http://www.bugspraycart.com/yard/herbicide/weed-out-quinclorac-pint>

Now to formulate a tank mix strong like Trimec Plus, mix traditional Trimec with another quinclorac known as Drive. Here is a comparison of Trimec Plus vs a mix of Trimec/Drive.

Trimec Plus cost \$150.00 a gallon and 2.5 oz would treat 1000 sq/ft. That means a gallon would cover around 50,000 sq/ft of turf.

Trimec is still available and sells for \$80.00 a gallon but you only need 1.5 oz per 1000 sq/ft. Drive is \$100.00 a jug but like Trimec, you only need 1.5 oz per 1000 sq/ft. This means you'll need 1 gallon of Trimec and 2 jugs of Drive to create a mix that will treat 85,000 sq/ft. Cost for this amount of product is \$280.00.

Trimec: <http://www.bugspraycart.com/yard/herbicide/trimec-classic-gallon>

Drive: <http://www.bugspraycart.com/yard/herbicide/drive-xlr8.html>

In the end, the Trimec with Drive will cost around \$3.29 per 1000 sq/ft to use; the old Trimec Plus was around \$3.00 per 1,000 sq/ft. This puts the cost for either close to the same.

Keep in mind this alternative can be used over **MOST** (but not all) beneficial grass. **BE SURE** to review the Drive label to make sure its okay for the grass that might be sprayed because like MSMA, Quinclorac can stress certain beneficial grasses when used in heat or drought.

Drive Label: [http://www.bugspray.net/labels/drive\\_xlr8\\_label.pdf](http://www.bugspray.net/labels/drive_xlr8_label.pdf)

Trimec Label: [http://www.bugspray.net/labels/trimec\\_classic\\_label.pdf](http://www.bugspray.net/labels/trimec_classic_label.pdf)

## **ANOTHER GRASSY WEED OPTION**

Another option to consider is Fusilade. Generally used for controlling grassy weeds in areas which have beneficial broadleaf plants (kind of like **BASAGRAN**), Fusilade is most commonly used in areas with ground cover. It's no doubt stronger than Drive so using it over beneficial grass is risky. But the one thing Fusilade can do is control dallisgrass.

Fusilade: <http://www.bugspraycart.com/yard/herbicide/fusilade-ii.html>

In fact the current Fusilade label doesn't have dallisgrass on it (and neither does Drive). This has been a problem for many applicators since dallisgrass can be persistent and is generally found throughout most of the United States.

Fusilade Label: [http://www.bugspray.net/labels/fusilade\\_2\\_label.pdf](http://www.bugspray.net/labels/fusilade_2_label.pdf)

But since Fusilade used to have dallisgrass on it's label, many people assume it still does but this changed a few years ago. Basically when MSMA was readily available, it was so much cheaper to use compared to Fusilade that dallisgrass was dropped off the Fusilade label by Syngenta since no one was choosing to use it. Now that MSMA is off the market, many applicators have fallen back to Fusilade to handle dallisgrass and they're getting good results.

More on this usage can be seen here:

Dallisgrass Options: [http://www.bugspray.net/directions/dallisgrass\\_options.pdf](http://www.bugspray.net/directions/dallisgrass_options.pdf)