

## Moss Control

Moss is a common occurrence in the Pacific Northwest. However, we do not always need to address moss growth unless it is harming dwellings, plants or walkways. Understanding how different types of moss control methods work is important to managing moss in an environmentally friendly way.

### Physical Controls For Moss

- Increase light exposure to mossy areas
- Power wash mossy areas (this method will not permanently remove moss growth)
- Remove leaves and branches to reduce moist shady environments
- Stiff brushes or shovels can be used on mossy areas
- Open up the plant canopy to increase circulation
- Reduce density of plants in each area to open up landscape
- Invigorate slow moving plants by managing their care more closely



### Chemical Controls For Moss

- Zinc Strips
- Potassium Salts of Fatty Acids
- Zinc Sulfate
- Zinc Chloride
- Zinc - Copper Sulfate Mix
- Bleach

Follow manufacturers recommended product concentrations and application instructions

### Resources

[OSU: Methods of Moss Control](#)

[OSU: Managing Moss in Lawns](#)

[PNW: Pest Management Handbook](#)

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