

# A tip for making Rout<sup>®</sup> work even better

Nelson City Council, New Zealand

**Mike Gafa from Nelson City Council in New Zealand just can't believe how much time he has saved on weeding since he started using Rout. He recently met with Nicola Rochester, Scotts NZ manager, and told her he has reduced his team's weeding time by around 90%.**

"We used to use another product, and line up the plants and go through with a tank and spray. But that application had its problems, the main one being that it just didn't last that long. We were fighting a losing battle."

Mike is happy to share his secret to success in long-term weed control.

"We've found that watering the plants first makes all the difference," he told Nicola. "We water, apply the Rout, then water again. The second watering is directed at the foliage to wash in any granules."

This watering-first method came about when Mike realized that the Rout granules were being washed through a dry soil mix. By watering first, the potting media is firmed down. Now, he says, he can see the Rout sticking to the surface.

Mike admits their success in weed control is the fact that they take the time to do it properly.

"We did a major amount of potting earlier this year and put in the Rout, and six months later the pots were still clean – just a few weeds starting to appear. Now that is good, long-term control."

By using Rout, Mike's team has saved time and effort in the battle against weeds. Follow his tip about the watering-first method and you, too, can prolong the time between weeding.



With their weeding time reduced dramatically, the Nelson City Council boys have a little time on their hands.

## Using Scotts Rout

Use Rout in the following way to get the maximum weed control and plant safety.

- Cover the entire soil surface evenly
- Apply to dry foliage only. Wash off if granules stick to foliage
- Avoid applying when the plant is putting on a flush of growth or breaking dormancy
- Make sure there is plenty of air movement around the plant
- Apply to a crop at least two weeks before moving to a greenhouse.

A Scotts Rout Calibrator is available free from your distributor to help you calculate the correct application rate of Rout.