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06-21-2012, 02:29 PM #1

DJM

Site Supporter



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Southern Ontario
Posts: 303

Weedman woes.

Does anyone know how to stop these ****ers from calling and charging me? I entered a contract with them last spring but by the fall wasn't happy with the non-results. I called their 1-888 number and cancelled the contract. I asked for a cancellation number but the girl said "we don't have those but it's on your file". I got so many sales calls after that I had to block their phone number.

This spring I find a pesticide sign on the lawn and a bill in my mailbox from them so I call and remind them that I cancelled the contract. They tell me they'll cancel the contract again but I still have to pay the bill or it gets sent to collections and goes on my credit report.

I find a pesticide sign and 2 more bills in my mailbox today. Now I'm ****ing seething. I call again and get the same bs. It's on your file but you still have to pay. I had to hand the phone to my wife before I lost it. I really think I'm going to get another bill shortly.

How the **** do I deal with these clowns? I can't even find a head office address on their website.

PS.
About 10 minutes after I get off the phone some guy from National whatever-the-**** rings my doorbell and wants to inspect my water heater for code compliance and see if I need a new one. It took every ounce of control I could muster not to set the dog on him...

Can't we settle this over a pint?

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06-21-2012, 02:36 PM

#2

[nesobriquet](#) 

Join Date: Mar 2007
Posts: 185

Re: Weedman woes.

"They tell me they'll cancel the contract again but I still have to pay the bill or it gets sent to collections and goes on my credit report. I find a pesticide sign and 2 more bills in my mailbox today. Now I'm ****ing seething. I call again and get the same bs. It's on your file but you still have to pay."

Market Place covered this exact scenario with this crooked, steaming pile of **** company.

Their practice is not unlike that how that crooked personal fitness company operates....forget name.

Check out Market Place website..I forget what they suggested in order to get these bastards off your back.

Good luck.

Forgot to mention...when M Place did their show on it, they featured one victim who got the sign on lawn routine...and they had *never even signed a contract!!* The crooks just started doing their lawn, then billed them after the fact and threatened collection and credit ramifications if they didn't pay. It was really absurd..I'm waiting to read newspaper headlines about these bastards some day..
"Weedman Corporate Head Office Blown Up By Past Customer Out Of Ideas."

Last edited by nesobriquet; 06-21-2012 at 02:45 PM.

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06-21-2012, 02:47 PM

#3

[AGAVE](#) 

Site Supporter



Join Date: Jun 2005
Location: I get around
Posts: 843

Re: Weedman woes.

Those pirates prey on my neighbourhood like vultures because its mostly elderly owners.

Send the Weedman a registered letter > signature required. That should do it.

The water heater man would have met the dog for sure, nothing worse than a scamming scumbag!

Here's a new one for you.

I'm at my aunts house and i hear some guy upstairs, sounded civil so i didn't get involved, but i got a look at the guy.

This clown had basically barged his way in saying he needs to check her fire extinguisher, its the law!

He told her it needed to be refilled and re-dated, so she let him take it.

We're talking about a tiny white Chubb kitchen unit worth 22\$ that wouldn't put out a french fry fire.

Guy returns it a couple days later with a bill for 30\$, of course she

pays it.

So after the fact, i educate her on the common scams, and tell her to never ever open the door for anyone, period.

Lucky me, i'm in her basement one day when i hear her call me upstairs, this is only 3-4 months later, low and behold its the fire extinguisher man again! 😞

He opened his mouth and started to say hello but i was allready pointing at the door and telling him to gtfo really quick. Of course he's a tough guy, so i gave him one warning, which he ignored, then i helped him outside by his hair.

Bottom line, door to door soliciting is illegal, warn all your elderly family members, they are far too trusting being from a mostly honest generation.

R.I.P. "EVO" Respected member forever. G.B.N.F.



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#4

chiller

Site Supporter



Join Date: Aug 2002
Location: Mississauga,
Ontario, Canada
Posts: 1,497

Re: Weedman woes.

hmm... wierd we had that company for our house and also saw no positive effects of the spray ... we cancelled it and they never came back...

CHOWDAH RIDAH

"Rides are simple, we all leave together we all go home together."

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06-21-2012, 02:58 PM

#5

FiReStArT

Site Supporter



Join Date: Mar 2006
Location: Etobicoke
Posts: 2,747

Re: Weedman woes.

[The only time you're required to let someone in to inspect your gas appliances/piping is when you're getting your service reactivated or new service activated or when a TSSA guy shows up (typically after your house goes 911)]

Don't let anyone in, period. Those gas appliance rental/sales companies are the worst. They'll go over everything you have with a finetoothed comb and they will find code violations whether there are some or not. There are well-documented cases where they redtagged perfectly good heat exchangers in order to make a sale. Be extra careful if they're wearing hard hats and hi-vis vests. No resi guy will ever wear a hard hat unless the house is under construction. They just wear those to look more "official". They may even claim that they're from the utility. Unless it's a TSSA guy with a court warrant, tell'em to **** off. If they're threatening with shutting off your gas service, get the guy's name, company he works for (if you're in

Toronto and it's Lakeside, he might be legit, but it's better to be safe than sorry), employee id number, case number (if there is one) and confirm that with Enbridge. I know a person who got bamboozled by Reliance into signing a 7 year contract on a HWT since the guy initially claimed he was from Enbridge.

Last edited by FIRESTART; 06-21-2012 at 09:47 PM. Reason: Added a disclaimer as my original comment might have made Lakeside boys' lives a bit more difficult

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06-21-2012, 03:23 PM

#6

LePhillou 



Join Date: May 2012
Location: Bramladesh
Posts: 208

Re: Weedman woes.

Yeah theyre insistant when they knock at your door.

I dont let in unless i called for them is pretty much the rule of thumb.

Havent had any weedman problems but i would murder them if they tried.

" Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else. "

Current cage: 2006 Subaru Impreza n/a aka "White Beetch"
Soon...: CBR250r
Ducati Hypermotard 796 (dreaming)

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06-21-2012, 03:38 PM

#7

DJM 

Site Supporter 



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Southern Ontario
Posts: 303

Re: Weedman woes.

I went to the Marketplace site. So after all that those ****ers are still engaging in this? I want blood now.

Can't we settle this over a pint?

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06-21-2012, 03:45 PM

#8

int15

Site Supporter



Join Date: Apr 2009
 Location: Mississauga
 Posts: 194

Re: Weedman woes.

Check this link:

http://www.sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Page...lawn_care.aspx

"If you receive a bill for services you didn't order, notify the business in writing that you didn't authorize their work and that you want them to stop. You have no obligation to pay for any goods or services you didn't order."

And file a complaint.

Last edited by int15; 06-21-2012 at 03:46 PM. Reason: Formatting

-int15

Current ride: 2011 FZ6R
 First Ride: 2005 GS500F

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06-21-2012, 04:03 PM

#9

DJM

Site Supporter



Join Date: Jun 2008
 Location: Southern Ontario
 Posts: 303

Re: Weedman woes.

I think they purposely make it difficult to find a contact address. There isn't even one on my invoice.

Filled out a BBB complaint, apparently my WeedsCam are in Hamilton. Found the head office address on RedFlagDeals. What a ****ing waste of time and energy.

Can't we settle this over a pint?

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06-21-2012, 04:07 PM

#10

int15

Site Supporter



Join Date: Apr 2009
 Location: Mississauga
 Posts: 194

Re: Weedman woes.

Check the Homestars site:

http://homestars.com/companies/22950...e_area=1826702

-int15

Current ride: 2011 FZ6R
 First Ride: 2005 GS500F

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06-21-2012, 05:54 PM

#11

oilycreek

Join Date: Dec 2009

Posts: 570

Originally Posted by **FiReStArT**

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That's the stuff that makes our job harder then it should be. We all have id's and it has to be visible., most of our residential jobs are pre arranged. If someone refuses to let us do our work on the meter, we can do it and leave the gas of, we have no choice but inspect appliances when reactivating them, and issue any red tags that are required. TSSA doesn't get involved unless there's an incident.. National home services are scum, so is direct energy. Sent from my A500 using Tapatalk 2

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06-21-2012, 05:57 PM

#12

Fingolfin

Site Supporter



Join Date: Sep 2005

Location: Toronto

Posts: 293

Re: Weedman woes.

there was a marketplace special on CBC about weedman, you should watch it

<http://www.gtamotorcycle.com/vbforum...46#post1407446>

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06-21-2012, 06:12 PM

#13

nobbie48

Site Supporter

Join Date: Jun 2003

Location: West Toronto, GL1500

Re: Weedman woes.Originally Posted by **int15**

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http://www.sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Page...lawn_care.aspx

Posts: 1,345

"If you receive a bill for services you didn't order, notify the business in writing that you didn't authorize their work and that you want them to stop. You have no obligation to pay for any goods or services you didn't order."

And file a complaint.

The trouble is that they send the bill to collections regardless. The Marketplace show had the Weedman CEO assuring it was all a misunderstanding and wouldn't happen again. Yeah right. Sue them for killing your dandelions. They're an edible crop.

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06-21-2012, 07:37 PM

[#14](#)

Diesel 



Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: Mississauga
Posts: 151

Re: Weedman woes.

I used to get a whole whack of people coming knocking for everything under the sun, so just to see if it worked I got one of those "no solicitor" signs and hung it on the door -- the only knocks I've had since were from a kid and a couple of filipino jehovah witnesses -- both of which probably didn't know what a solicitor is; I have had a lot of flyers and business cards stuck in my mailbox though. (sorry OP, nothing to do with weedman, just fell into the door to door conversation).

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06-21-2012, 08:11 PM

[#15](#)

Scuba Steve 

Site Supporter 



Join Date: Jun 2008
Location: Waterloo
Posts: 1,014

Re: Weedman woes.

Watched the marketplace piece all I can say is wow slimy. I use them and have never had a problem they even do extra sprays for free and it seems to work well, but my neighbour owns the local franchise so I may be having a different experience than most.

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06-21-2012, 08:42 PM

[#16](#)

JoeRider 



Join Date: Jan 2007
Location: Vaughan
Posts: 53

Re: Weedman woes.

I thought I'd provide a direct link for others: [Weed Man's sales tactics draw fire from consumer ministry](#)

Ministry - "Charges cannot be laid unless more people write to complain...."

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06-21-2012, 08:52 PM

#17

FiReStArT

Site Supporter



Join Date: Mar 2006
 Location: Etobicoke
 Posts: 2,747

Re: Weedman woes.Originally Posted by **oilycreek**

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And when they claim that they work for the utility, that's when the homeowners have to be extra careful. Reactivations are different because the customer already should be notified that a Lakeside tech/contractor is supposed to come in and do the inspection before activating/reactivating service. If someone shows up at your door unannounced claiming they're from the utility, that should set off some red flags. That's when you call Enbridge and their reps know whether something has been scheduled or not. If there's a leak at the service drop, chances are the utility will not need to access your home, just the yard. And it's better to have your gas service shut off for a little bit than to be scammed out of thousands of dollars.

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06-21-2012, 09:26 PM

#18

bikermahn

Join Date: Jan 2012
 Location: Courtice
 Posts: 182

Re: Weedman woes.

My mother tried weedman, and dr. green. Weedman had good results, but same thing when she cancelled he showed up to treat her lawn again in the spring, she however caled and the girl appologised and said not to worry about it...

Seems hit and miss I guess ?

Me I just put american fertilizer on ever 2 months...

Bike: 1994 Kawasaki Ninja 250
 Cage: 2002 Supercharged SVT Focus

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06-22-2012, 05:48 AM

#19

oilycreek

Join Date: Dec 2009
Posts: 570

Originally Posted by **FiReSTaRT**

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#20

FiReSTaRT

Site Supporter



Join Date: Mar 2006
Location: Etobicoke
Posts: 2,747

Re: Weedman woes.

Originally Posted by **oilycreek**

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Thanks for the clarification. It also outlines the mess that those scammers create for utility techs with legitimate needs to access the premises. In addition to that, they scam the homeowners into paying INSANE amounts for their appliances (amortized over a long period of time), installed by shoemakers, as opposed to going to legitimate shops, getting the work done right and saving a bundle. Then they already have their stickers on lots of appliances, so the homeowners call them first for service work, get a sales specialist with lackluster technical skills and pay a whole lot more than they would for a competent service tech from an independent shop. [Disclaimer: I don't work in the trade but know a thing or two (not three 😊) **If any of my information contradicts what oilycreek said, go with his**

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