

Giant Hogweed



Maple Ridge is no exception to the spread of Giant Hogweed and inquiries have begun to come in about what to do about it.

Giant Hogweed is a serious threat to natural ecosystems and human health. It contains a sap which can cause very serious burns and even temporary blindness if exposed to sunlight (photo dermatitis). Please report any sightings to the Invasive Plant Council of British Columbia. They are attempting to create an inventory, staff and resources to deal with the growing issue. They cannot respond to complaints but do want to manage the scope of the invasive plant problem in general. They can be reached at 250-392-1400, or through their website and are an excellent source of information not only for the Giant Hogweed but other invasive species as well.

Sightings of the Giant Hogweed on road allowances should be reported to the Operations Department at 604-463-9581. Sightings in parks or on parkland should be reported to the Parks Department at 604-467-7346. Property owners should consult the Invasive Plant Council of British Columbia for Best Management Practices.