

City of Portland

Required Eradication List Nuisance Plants List

When new
nuisance plants
are found, the
City of Portland
emphasizes
early eradication

The City of Portland's Portland Plant List includes the Native Plants List and the Nuisance Plants List. Several species of nuisance plants have been observed in Portland or the surrounding area. Nuisance plants spread rapidly and easily, and threaten the health and vitality of native plant and animal communities. Some nuisance plants can also have negative impacts on human health. In recognition of the impacts, the City of Portland has established regulations related to the identification and removal of nuisance plants.

Early detection and rapid response (EDRR) is an effort to quickly identify and remove nuisance plants to prevent large infestations. Nuisance plant infestations that cover large areas are more difficult and costly to eradicate and can seriously degrade native plant and animal communities, increasing the need for expensive restoration efforts. Controlling small populations of nuisance plants before they become widespread is a cost effective way to prevent their spread and to protect native habitat.

The City of Portland provides free assistance to citizens in identifying nuisance plants and methods to remove them. Contact the Bureau of Environmental Services Early Detection Rapid Response team at 503-823-2989.

As of July 1, 2010, Portland City Code (Section 29.20.010 G) created a Required Eradication List that is part of the Nuisance Plants List, and established new nuisance plant requirements. When any of the 15 plants on the Required Eradication List (seen on reverse side) are growing on a property, the property owners must eradicate the nuisance plants. The provision applies to all properties in the City of Portland, both public and private.

Eradication means removing the entire nuisance plant, including the above-ground portion, roots, shoots and seeds. When removing nuisance plants, it is important to protect the existing top soil and native plants by re-establishing non-nuisance plants where nuisance plants were removed. In environmental zones, the required native plants must be selected from the Portland Plant List.

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The following websites have more information about nuisance plants, how to remove them and what non-nuisance plants to install.

City of Portland, Environmental Services: Invasive Plant Management - www.portlandonline.com/bes/invasives

City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Invasive Plant Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project - www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=51202

City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Portland Plant List - www.portlandonline.com/bps/plantlist

Oregon Department of Agriculture, Plant Division, Noxious Weed Control - www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/lists.shtml

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District - www.emswcd.org

West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District - www.wmswcd.org

Four County Cooperative Weed Management Area - www.4countycwma.org



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Scientific Name	Common Name	*Rank
<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	Russian knapweed	A
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	False brome	A
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i> and <i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	Italian thistle or slender flowered thistle	A
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	Jubata grass	A
<i>Echium plantagineum</i>	Paterson's curse	A
<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	Giant hogweed	A
<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Orange hawkweed	A
<i>Hieracium pratense</i> (<i>H. cespitosum</i>)	Meadow hawkweed (formerly listed as Yellow hawkweed)	A
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Policemen's helmet	A
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch thistle	A
<i>Phragmites australis</i> (introduced var. only)	Common reed	A
<i>Pueraria lobata</i>	Kudzu	A
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Blessed milk thistle	A
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	Salt cedar	A
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse	A

* **Ranks:** City of Portland ranks are identified. Ranks are assigned to each plant on the Nuisance Plants List based on their characteristics and extent in the area. Ranks are established to help prioritize decisions related to managing nuisance plants. Ranks include A, B, C, D and W.

City ranks (classifications) are defined as follows.

A- These species are known to be invasive. These species are known to occur but are not widely distributed in the region. Distribution is limited to a few sites. They spread rapidly and they are difficult to control once they become widespread.

See the administrative rules for the Nuisance Plants Required Removal Program for additional information on plants listed on the Required Eradication List, and the roles and responsibilities of property owners and City of Portland staff.