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Controlling Invasive Plants in Mt. Tabor Park

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The City of Portland will begin work this fall on the Mt. Tabor Invasive Plant Control and Revegetation Project to protect the park's natural areas. The project will remove English ivy, Himalayan blackberry and other non-native invasive vegetation and restore native trees, shrubs and grasses.

The city will remove invasive vegetation mechanically, manually and with herbicide applications. The extent of invasive plant infestation, the size of the project area, and steep terrain make herbicide use the most effective treatment option for this project.

Using Herbicides Safely

The City of Portland applies herbicides using the principles of integrated pest management (IPM). Protecting human health, wildlife and the environment is central to the IPM strategy.

Application Safeguards

- Only trained professionals with State of Oregon herbicide applicator licenses will apply herbicides.
- A city employee with a state herbicide applicator license will plan and supervise all applications.
- Signs posted in project areas will notify park users of herbicide application.
- Applicators will use low-pressure backpack sprayers that allow selective application to target plants.
- Applicators will spray only when wind speeds are below five miles per hour.
- The herbicides selected for this project are glyphosate and triclopyr, which have low toxicity, degrade naturally and are non-persistent, and are approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for use in wetlands and aquatic areas.
- Pesticide use restrictions are in place near Mt. Tabor's open reservoirs to protect city drinking water.

For More Information

For information about the Mt. Tabor Invasive Plant Control and Revegetation Project, visit www.portlandonline.com/bes/mttabor or contact Ryan Durocher at 503-823-2316 or ryan.durocher@portlandoregon.gov. Visit www.portlandonline.com/parks/ipm to learn more about the city's IPM program and www.portlandonline.com/bes/invasives to learn more about invasive plants.



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