



CALENDAR FOR INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL

Please use this calendar as a tool to help plan invasive plant species control. This calendar is intended to be used a general guide, always take into account the current weather patterns. Please see page 2 for descriptions of preferred removal methods.

Plant	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Bindweed/Morning Glory												
Bull Thistle												
Butterfly Bush												
English Holly												
English Ivy												
Evergreen Blackberry												
Himalayan Blackberry												
Knotweed												
*Kudzu												
*Purple Loosestrife												
Reed canary grass												
Scotch Broom												
Spurge Laurel												
Stinky Bob												
St. John's Wort												
Tansy Ragwort												
Teasel												
Yellow Archangel												

*Please notify us (360-778-7105) if you find this plant in a Bellingham park or trail.

To borrow tools from the Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program please call or email us. Volunteers are not allowed to use power tools or herbicides on park property. Contact the Bellingham Parks Volunteer Program: 360-778-7105 or pkvolunteers@cob.org or visit us at 1400 Woburn St.



CONTROL METHODS FOR INVASIVE PLANTS

Common Name	Latin Name	Removal Methods
Bindweed/Morning Glory	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Remove in early Spring and Fall. Pull out with hori hori and garden forks every three weeks. Be sure to get all the white spaghetti-like roots. Do not let bloom!
Bull Thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Remove in early June until end of May. Cut with a sharp shovel 1-2 inches below soil surface before flowering.
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Early spring pulling with hori hori and garden fork. Seed removal in fall before the first frost.
English Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Year round removal. Small sprouts can be pulled out using hori horis. Dig out roots of medium sized trees and girdle larger trees to kill.
English Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>	Year round pulling, easiest in winter when ground is wet. Use hori horis and hand clippers to remove shallow roots.
Evergreen Blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	Removal easiest in winter. Cut back canes and dig out roots making sure to remove the large root nodule.
Himalayan Blackberry	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i> or <i>Rubus discolor</i>	Removal easiest in winter. Cut back canes and dig out roots making sure to remove the large root nodule.
Knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	Pull April through August. Repeat monthly. Try to keep plants from growing taller than 6 inches. Dig roots out in August.
*Kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>	Notify Park Staff.
*Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Notify Park Staff. Pull young plants in early summer when in flower but before seeds are present. Use garden forks to remove roots completely. Always cut & bag seed heads for disposal in the fall.
Reed canary grass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	Cut to ground in mid June and Early October. Pull when ground is wet.
Scotch Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	CUT BROOM IN BLOOM! Cut to ground or lower in May and early June while in bloom.
Spurge Laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>	Wear Gloves! Pull or cut to the ground.
Stinky Bob/Herb Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	Pull mid spring until late fall when seeds disperse. Mulching with a cardboard layer can be used to prevent regrowth.
St. John's Wort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	Pull or dig out while in bloom from May to Sept. Wear gloves! Do not cut!
Tansy Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Pull in May and June, before they flower.
Teasel	<i>Dispactus fullonum</i>	Once flowers, cut at ground level. Blooms June—October. Cut flower heads in October.
Yellow Archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	Remove fall through early spring. Dig up all roots, use cardboard layer and mulch to prevent re growth.

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