

HELPFUL TIPS FOR IDENTIFYING NOXIOUS WEEDS

Hogweed



What it Looks like: When in bloom Hogweed carries numerous small, white flowers that form an umbrella shape. Hogweed can grow 3 to 4 metres in height when in bloom.

Is it Dangerous? Yes! The sap of the Hogweed plant is photoreactive, so it reacts with the sunlight. It can cause an intense burn right away or an intense blistering. Also, if you get it in your eyes, it can cause blindness temporarily or permanent

How to treat burns: If your skin comes in contact with the weed wash any affected areas immediately with soap and water, stay out of direct sunlight and seek medical advice as soon as possible.

What to do if you see it – If you see a Hogweed plant on public property do not touch it, contact the Township at (705) 424-9917. If you spot it on private property it should be removed by a professional exterminator.

Poison Ivy



What does it look like: The leaves of poison ivy have three pointed leaflets. The middle leaflet has a much longer stalk than the two side ones. The leaflet edges can be smooth or toothed, but are rarely lobed. The leaves vary greatly in size, from 8 to 55 mm in length. They are reddish when they appear in the spring, turn green during the summer, and become various shades of yellow, orange, or red in the fall.

Is it Dangerous? All parts of the poison ivy plant, including the roots, contain the poisonous resin urushiol. Contact with any broken part of the plant may cause a reaction. Most people develop symptoms 24 to 48 hours after contact.

How to treat Poison Ivy rash: Wash any areas of your skin you think may have come in contact with poison ivy with soap and cold water. Cold water should be used, because hot water tends to open the pores, increasing the chances of the resin being deeply absorbed into your skin. If soap is not available, vinegar (2 tablespoons in 1 cup of water) or alcohol (1/2 cup to 1/2 cup of water) can be used.

What to do if you see Poison Ivy: If you see Poison Ivy on public property do not touch it, contact the Township at (705) 424-9917. If you spot it on private property it should be removed promptly.

How to remove Poison Ivy: Applying herbicides to control poison ivy can be effective. One treatment may be enough, though it is possible for regrowth to happen, particularly where treated plants have been growing for two years or more. You may need to repeat the treatment as often as regrowth appears. Applying herbicides by spot-treatment will help to reduce the chances of the product drifting onto other plants. Herbicide spot treatment is also recommended when poison ivy is a lawn weed.

