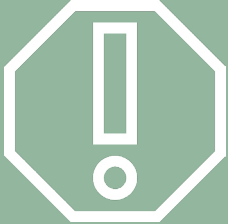


Be on the lookout for Invasive Plants



Some invasive plants can be harmful. If you see them,

DO NOT TOUCH!

Chemicals in these plants can cause skin rashes, burns, and blisters - especially if skin is exposed to sunlight.



GIANT HOGWEED

Height: 7 to 14 feet

Flowers: white; in umbrella-shaped clusters up to 30 inches across.

Leaves: huge; up to 5 feet wide; lobed and deeply cut.

Stems: 2 to 4 inches thick; green with purple blotches; stiff, white hairs at base of leaf stalk.

Height: 4 to 5 feet

Flowers: yellow; in flat-topped clusters 4 to 8 inches across.

Leaves: pairs of toothed, mitten-shaped leaflets ending in a single leaflet.

Stems: 1 to 2 inches thick; green; smooth and grooved; hairless.



WILD PARSNIP



The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) monitors the roadsides for new infestations of invasive species. MDOT's priority is to treat newly discovered invasive species with herbicides before they become established. MDOT also treats large stands of invasive species with herbicides. We partner with the various state agencies and Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas to control invasive plants within the right of way and areas adjoining the right of way.

For more information about invasive species, visit www.Michigan.gov/InvasiveSpecies.



Midwest Invasive Species
Information Network

Take action against invasive species - download the Michigan Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) app to your smartphone for ready access to invasive species identification. With the MISIN app, you can report the location of invasive species and even upload photos of your find. Invasive species managers across the state use these reports to target locations for treatment and removal.

For more information, visit www.misin.msu.edu.