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Management of Invasive Plants

Because invasive plant species continue to be a concern to the City of Parksville work continues with the Coastal Invasive Species Committee to manage priority invasive plants in City parks and on public property.

Working with municipalities, regional districts and First Nations on Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and the Sunshine Coast, Coastal ISC provides services to manage invasive alien species and raise awareness about the impacts and management of invasive species. More information at <u>Coastal Invasive Species Committee</u>.

Throughout the summer and fall, crews will manage invasive plants in City parks and public spaces to help contain the spread. Here is a list of locations where management will occur with specific dates to be determined later.

Shelly Creek Park Community weed pull, four days during week of June 20, weather dependent.

Management of yellow archangel, English ivy, holly, and daphne/spurge-laurel. To volunteer to help, please contact friendsofshellycreekpark@gmail.com

Highway 19A One day during week of June 20, weather dependent.

Treatment to Gorse

Foster Park and Renz Road One day in late August.

Management of Himalayan blackberry, broom, yellow archangel, daphne

Sutherland Place Park Six days in October.

Management of English ivy

Work continues with the program to contain Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed. If you know of locations of these plants within the City of Parksville, please contact the Coastal ISC regional hotline at 1 844 298-2532.

To help eradicate some usual suspect species, the Invasive Species Council of BC has created a guide, Grow Me Instead, to inform gardening enthusiasts about horticulture's most "unwanted" invasive plants in BC, while providing a variety of native and exotic plant alternatives found to be non-invasive across the province.

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