

## Controlling Non-native Species in Parksville

Invasive plant species continue to be a concern to the City of Parksville. Many invasive plant species thrive in our mild climate and can displace our native species. Since 2015, Council has funded a special noxious weed budget for the control of invasive plants in our community, primarily focusing on Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed.

Part of our program includes working with volunteer groups such as Broombusters. The next broom cut in Oceanside is scheduled for May 19-21 and volunteers are always needed. Visit [broombusters.org/oceanside](http://broombusters.org/oceanside) to get involved!

Over the past years, the Friends of Foster Park have volunteered many hours, working in partnership with the City to control non-native species which are out competing the native species that have been planted in the park. The Coastal Invasive Species Committee (Coastal ISC) recently applied spot treatments in Foster Park and will continue to treat several other locations in the City. As part of the integrated pest management system, signage will be posted at locations where treatment will occur.

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.



Giant Hogweed

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 [Coastal Invasive Species Committee](#).

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