CLASS "A" NOXIOUS WEED: *Eradication (killing the root) required*

Giant hogweed *(Heracleum mantegazzianum)*

- **Please contact us if you think you have this weed on your property.**
- **Caution:** Has toxic sap that creates sensitivity to sunlight, leading to painful swelling, burns, blistering, and scarring
- Grows up to 20 feet tall
- Stems are hollow and can be up to four inches thick
- Leaves can grow up to five feet wide
- Flowers can grow up to 2.5 feet in diameter
- Stop the seeds; they can remain viable in the soil for many years
- Can be confused with Cow parsnip, which is a smaller, native plant
- **Personal Protective Equipment:** Wear clothing that covers as much skin as possible; Tyvek suit, long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves, closed-toe shoes, and protective eye wear; all equipment, clothing, and hands should be washed immediately after use

CONTROL METHOD	TIMING AND NOTES (Regardless of control method chosen, multiple treatments may be needed each year)
Hand-pulling/ digging	EXTREME CAUTION should be used when handling this plant. See Personal Protective Equipment section above. Practical for small infestations in moist, loose soil. Remove as much tap root as possible; at least 6 inches below soil surface. Use long-handled loppers to cut off everything above ground, and move to the side to allow safer/better access to the root. Be sure to cut and bag any seed or flowerheads and place in the trash. Do not compost or put in regular garbage. Remove as much root as possible.
Mowing/cutting	Not acceptable—**do not mow!**
Tilling	Not acceptable. Ineffective.
Herbicide (active ingredient)	**Timing is crucial!** Herbicide treatments must occur before plants bloom. Always read and follow the herbicide label. If plants are flowering, it is too late to apply herbicide. If the weeds have produced seed, bag plants and place in garbage, not compost. **If plants are flowering, or producing seeds, see hand-pulling section for physical removal.**
Aminopyralid or *Triclopyr*	Apply in spring before flowering. Monitor yar-round and re-treat if plants regrow. *Aminopyralid* may affect some grasses and harm trees. Read label for further details.
Glyphosate	Apply in very early spring, as soon as plants are actively growing. *Glyphosate* **will kill grass.** May take up to two weeks to show effects

For more information, contact us at 564.397.6140 or weed.board@clark.wa.gov.

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Entire plant


Stem with purple blotches


Close-up of leaf


Flowers