CLASS "B" NOXIOUS WEED: *Control required*

Lesser celandine *(Ficaria verna)*

- Other names: Fig buttercup, pilewort, figwort, Bulbous buttercup, Small crowfoot
- Bright yellow solitary flowers on stem tips, 1" wide
- Grows up to 16" tall
- Hairless perennial
- Mostly reproduces via tubers and bulbils
- Toxic to humans and livestock
- Look-alikes: Yellow marsh marigold, Buttercup, Creeping Charlie

CONTROL METHOD	TIMING AND NOTES (Regardless of control method chosen, multiple treatments may be needed each year)
Hand-pulling/ digging	Small infestations may be effectively controlled by digging out and removing all parts of the plant. Be sure to remove all roots, tubers and bulbils. Bag up all parts and dispose of in the trash. Do not place in home compost or yard debris because this weed can spread this way.
Mowing	**Not acceptable control on its own.** Mowing will not provide adequate control because this weed can spread this way.
Bark mulch	**Not effective control on its own** and will need to be combined with other methods. Mulching with a thick layer of wood chips or bark nuggets at least 6 inches thick may smother and reduce the number of plants for small populations. Monitor the edges for spreading.
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.
Glyphosate	Apply during the late winter through early spring once leaves have emerged but **before the plants have flowered.** May take up to two weeks to see visible signs of control.
Triclopyr	Apply during the late winter through early spring once leaves have emerged but **before the plants have flowered.**

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Leaves


Close-up flowers


Bulbils

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