CLASS "B" NOXIOUS WEED: *Control required*

Poison hemlock *(Conium maculatum)*

- **Deadly toxic** to humans and livestock **if consumed**
- **Keep out of reach of children and animals**
- **Can remain toxic for many years,** even when dry
- **Do not burn**
- Leaves are fern-like, toothed, finely divided, and have a strong odor when crushed
- Stems are hollow, hairless, and have noticeable purple blotches
- Can grow up to 12 feet high
- Flowers are small and white
- Can be confused with wild carrot and other plants in the carrot family
- Seeds can remain in soil for 10 years

CONTROL METHOD	TIMING AND NOTES (Regardless of control method chosen, multiple treatments may be needed each year)
Hand-pulling/ digging	Practical for small infestations in moist, loose soil. Remove as much tap root as possible to reduce regrowth in same year. **Wear gloves/long sleeves/ pants as skin contact may cause irritation.** All parts of plant are toxic, even after dried. Bag/put in trash if flowers are present. **Do not compost!** Wash hands after handling.
Mowing	**Not effective!** Plants will regrow.
Black plastic	Effective but not practical in most forest understory settings.
Tilling	Not practical when growing in forest understory. In open fields, repeated tilling will decrease newly germinated plants but not established seed bank.
Bark mulch	Not effective as only control method. A deep layer of bark mulch (four inches or more) will reduce germination.
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/ Triclopyr	Apply to plants germinating in the fall, or in the spring before flowering.


Stem has purple blotches


Close-up of leaves


Close-up of flowers


Entire plant

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