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Wild Chervil: What is it and why is it a problem?

Wild Chervil is an aggressive, noxious weed that has become a serious concern in Grey County. It is difficult to control, spreads quickly and smothers out all other vegetation. It crowds out forage crops and pasture for grazing livestock, takes over domestic gardens, and infiltrates our forests and trails – Wild Chervil is an invasive plant that everyone has an interest in eradicating

What have we been doing about Wild Chervil?

For several years, the municipalities in Grey County have been working with industry experts and other levels of government to address the Wild Chervil problem. In addition to cutting Wild Chervil when it appears on County properties and right-of-ways, we have been working with researchers to test other methods of treating and eradicating Wild Chervil. However, Wild Chervil doesn't discriminate between public and private property – we need your help!

What can you do?

All property owners are responsible for controlling noxious weeds on their property, including Wild Chervil. Taking the following steps can help us eliminate Wild Chervil in Grey County:

- Visit weedinfo.ca to learn how to properly identify Wild Chervil
- Report any Wild Chervil sightings to your local municipality
- Take action by grubbing out or cutting to prevent Wild Chervil from setting seed
- If the Wild Chervil on your property has flowered, cut and bag plants and leave them in the sun for several days prior to burning or deep burial
- Do not move infected soil and thoroughly clean equipment, vehicles and footwear before leaving infested sites

Do not hesitate to call your local municipality if you have questions or concerns about Wild Chervil or other noxious weeds. For more information, please visit "Quick Links – Weed Control" on the Grey County website at Grey.ca.

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