

Environmental Services Newsletter

June 2024



PlayCleanGo Awareness Week is here!

PlayCleanGo awareness week is taking place this year June 1st – June 8th, hosted by the North American Invasive Species Management Association. You can participate by using the hashtag #PlayCleanGoWeek to show how you prevent the spread of invasive species after spending time outside.

As the rain lets up and summer recreational activities commence, it's important to be mindful of cleaning your equipment after playing outdoors. Removing mud from your possessions and giving them a good clean before leaving the site will help protect the natural biodiversity of the Crowsnest Pass. You can participate while trail running, mountain biking, bouldering, hunting... any activity outdoors!

If you're unsure what PlayCleanGo looks like for your activity, you can head over to PlayCleanGo.org for more information. On their website you can also check out educational videos, join online weed identification seminars, and get connected on social media. If you are interested in learning more about invasive species management in the Pass, feel free to stop by our weekly weed pulls. The first one is taking place June 5th at Drum Creek!

NOTICE OF VEGETATION PROGRAM

*Municipal spray contract commences
May 15- October 31, 2024*

Municipal contracted sprayers will be conducting herbicide applications on regulated noxious and prohibited noxious weeds on Municipal properties.

Due diligence regarding public safety and environmental health will be followed. The risk is minimal though it is recommended to stay off treated sites for 24 hours following the application time which can be found on posted signage at the site.

Municipal weed inspectors will be conducting inspections on private properties, industrial sites, and acreages.

For any questions, please contact Environmental Services Department.

WEED OF THE MONTH



Questions for the Environmental Services Department?

You can catch us at the Community Markets the first Thursday in June, July, August, and September!

We can also be reached by phone at 403-563-8833 or 403-562-8600.

Be sure to check out our website for information on common invasive species in the Crowsnest Pass and learn more about the native species we are trying to protect!



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
MUNICIPALITY OF CROWSNEST PASS

Great Burdock

Arctium Lappa

Biennial

Key ID Features

- Small purple flowers that grow on burs
 - 100-300 cm tall
- Clustered burs with inward hooked tips
- Rough and sparsely hairy stems
- Large triangular to broadly ovate leaves
- Mound of leaves and slender taproot in first year of growth
- Hooked barbs attach easily to clothing and hair

Treatment Options

- Rosettes can be hand pulled
- Mature plants can be cut or dug up prior to flowering



REPORT A WEED

WANTED!



WEED WARRIORS!

We are seeking a few brave able-bodied volunteers of all ages to help us in the ongoing battle of removing (by hand-pulling) invasive plants.

Wednesdays

9am-12pm

June, July, & August

We are dedicated to stopping invasive plants from threatening & overtaking various native populations in Crowsnest Pass

Conservation minded volunteers are needed to assist us in this fight. No experience is needed, drop-ins are welcome. Please bring your friends, family, water, & a snack. Remember to come with weather appropriate clothing. We will provide gloves.



JUNE

- 5 Drum Creek | Hillcrest
229 St & 4 Ave, Hillcrest Mines
- 12 Gold Creek | Frank
West end of Old Frank Road | 152 Street, Frank
- 19 Crowsnest River | Frank | Hwy 3 Picnic Shelter
(Parking lot between Frank and Blairmore)
- 26 Crowsnest River | Blairmore
Parking Lot on 129 St, North of 21 Ave, Blairmore

JULY

- 3 Lyons Creek | 19 Ave & 132 St, Blairmore
- 10 York Creek | 111 St, Blairmore (Across from Kanata)
- 17 Lyons Creek | 16 Ave & 132 St, Blairmore
- 24 Crowsnest River | 20 Ave & 112 St, Blairmore
(Kanata Parking Lot)
- 31 Crowsnest River | 217 St & 9 Ave, Hillcrest Mines
(West side of river)

AUGUST

- 7 Crowsnest River | Hillcrest | SWIM BBQ Event
221 St & 8 Ave, Hillcrest Mines (East side of river)
- 14 Crowsnest River | Coleman
81 St & 14 Ave, Coleman (North side of river)
- 21 Crowsnest River | Coleman
83 St Bridge, Coleman (South side of river)
- 28 Nez Perce Creek | Coleman
Flumerfelt Park | 20 Ave & 76 St, Coleman