

Environmental Services Newsletter

July 2024



Mussel Fines, Pollinator Gardens and Weed Pulls!

As of June 20th, 2024, Alberta will have the highest fines in North America of up to \$4,200 for failing to stop at a watercraft inspection station. The increased fines will hopefully prevent the infestation of the invasive zebra and quagga mussels in Alberta's fresh water. Mussels threaten drinking water supply, harm native mussels, and make it more difficult for fish to spawn.

Environmental Services staff worked with the Grade four classes of Isabelle Sellon School to plant new pollinator gardens at Pete's Park this month. Native plants and shrubs were provided by Crowsnest Conservation Society and planted with the intention of providing food and shelter for birds, bees and other insects.

Every Wednesday from 9am – 12pm, anyone is welcome to join Environmental Services staff to learn how to identify and treat common weeds found in the Crowsnest Pass. Weed pulls are aimed to remove invasive species from our riparian zones.

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

Dame's Rocket

Hesperis Matronalis

Biennial

Key ID Features

- Small, four-petal, purple flowers
 - 0.5 - 1m tall
- One tall main stem with flowering stems at the top
- Dark green hairy leaves
- Lots currently growing in Bellevue
- Shallow fibrous roots

Treatment Options

- Very easy to hand pull the entire plant as the roots come out very easily
 - Currently no selective registered herbicide



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