

Environmental Services Newsletter

August 2024



Season End Highlights

Both Environmental Services staff members worked hard in the month of August bringing the summer season to an end. This summer the ES staff completed 125 formal inspections, hosted 13 weed pulls, and disposed of 2106 kg of noxious weeds!

At the beginning of the month, Environmental Services hosted a weed pull for South West Invasive Manager members. The group was able to focus their efforts on sensitive riparian areas infested with the prohibited species, Spotted Knapweed. ES staff continued to monitor, treat, and enforce several other Spotted Knapweed sites within the Municipality.

The Environmental Services department Weeds pulls have come to an end for the summer. Come join us next summer beginning in June, every Wednesday from 9am – 12pm. Anyone is welcome to meet Environmental Services staff to learn how to identify and treat common weeds found in the Crowsnest Pass, and get experience hand pulling them 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, and August!

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!



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Spotted Knapweed

Centaurea stoebe

Biennial sometimes short-lived
Perennial

Key ID Features

- Pink-Purple flowers, sometimes white
 - Up to 1.5m tall
 - One or few stems
- Slightly hairy, sage green alternate leaves
- Bracts at flowers base have black tips, unique to this species
 - Deep taproot
- Please report if seen!

Treatment Options

- Hand pull the entire plant, try to get as much of the root as possible
- Spray with a registered herbicide



REPORT A WEED