

Weed of the Week

Help the City of St. Albert control invasive plants/weeds in our community!

An invasive plant is a non-native plant that spreads easily, aggressively and may displace or alter natural plant communities.

As per the Alberta Weed Control Act, municipalities are required to control the spread of noxious weeds.



CANADA THISTLE:

<i>Locations:</i>	Often found along roadways and disturbed areas (i.e. walking trails, construction sites).
<i>Identification:</i>	Stems are hollow, woody and can reach between 0.5 m and 1.5 m in height. Flowers form in clusters at the ends of stems and vary between shades of purple, pink and white.
<i>City Control:</i>	Killing the roots is the only effective method of control, which can take several years to achieve in full. The City plans to mow the key problem areas and then follow up with an herbicide application.
<i>What can you do?</i>	If you spot a Canada Thistle, the best way to remove it is by pulling it out with your hands. Repeated hand pulling in loose soils can also effectively stress the root system. Please remember to wear gloves as mature plants are prickly.