



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.

COMMON BURDOCK

Locations:

Often found along riverbanks, roadsides, fence lines and in fields and open woods.

Identification:

The plant has purple flowers and a red-tinged stem and can grow one to three metres tall. Leaves are large, hairy and heart-shaped.

City Control:

Over the past few years, manual removal of the plant flower has not been effective. The City plans to control large patches through herbicide application.

What can you do?

Preventing the production of the seed is a key way to stop the plant from spreading. If you spot a plant in your area, remove it and ensure the flower is contained and disposed of properly.

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