

GIANT HOGWEED (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*)
Class A Noxious Weed



Robust perennial from Eurasia with large, flat-topped, umbrella-shaped white flower clusters on stout, ridged, purple-blotched, hollow stems. Grows to 15 feet tall when in flowers. Flowers May to July.

A public health hazard, the sap can cause severe blistering and scarring of the skin. Scarring can be permanent. Also invades native forests and degrades habitat.

Typically found in urban parks, vacant lots, ornamental gardens, along streambanks and in ravines. Most prevalent in urban King County.

The goal for giant hogweed in King County is to alert the public to health hazards and to eradicate the weed wherever infestations are found.



RESULTS FOR 2007

Data was gathered for 885 giant hogweed sites in 2007. Of these, 99% of the sites and 91% of the area was controlled for the year (no seed production). Overall, 58% of all sites surveyed since 1996 are now dormant (none seen for 3 or more years).

Giant Hogweed by Council District Surveyed in 2006		
Council District	Number of Sites	Weed Area (sq. ft.)
1	102	3302
2	262	19,362
3	11	405
4	165	18,045
5	56	2,067
6	25	1,737
7	6	6
8	250	32,919
9	8	270

GRAPHS AND CHARTS

