

# GENERAL CONTROL METHODS FOR INVASIVE PLANTS



Invasive species can be controlled by manual, mechanical and chemical methods. The bulleted sections below provide general tips for each method.

## MANUAL: DIGGING & PULLING

- Effective for small invasive plant populations.
- Slowly dig/pull plants up by the base and remove entire root system.
- Avoid leaving behind plant fragments as they may resprout.



## MECHANICAL: CUTTING & MOWING

- Effective for medium sized invasive plant populations.
- Cut/mow invasive plants to ground level before flowering occurs.
- Remove clippings from site and place in a sunny spot for 2-weeks prior to disposal or composting.



## CHEMICAL: HERBICIDE APPLICATION

- Effective for medium-large sized invasive plant populations.
- Apply herbicide at peak growth before seed production. Follow all labels.
- Treated plants should remain undisturbed for 2-weeks following treatment. No disposal required.

