

## **Wild Parsnip - DANGEROUS**

Description		Warning!	Intervention	If in contact with sap
Height :	0.5 to 1.5 m	Photo-toxic sap! Skin irritation under sun exposure	<u>Pull out</u> - Round shovel or a spade or a long handle	- Wash the touched area with soap;
Leaves :	Serrated (mittens), the last one in a diamond shape	<u>Protection gear</u> - Safety glasses	- Remove all the roots	- Rinse thoroughly with clear water;
Flowers :	Yellow, small and set in an umbrella, absent the first year	- Long sleeves - Long pants - Waterproof gloves - Closed shoes	- Don't allowed seeds to fell on the ground - When finish, remove your clothes upside-down, put them in a bag, wash them and finally wash your hands.	- Wash your hands; - Keep your skin covered and hidden from the sun

## **Dog-strangling vine (*Cynanchum rossicum*) - INVASIVE**

Description		Warning!	Intervention	If in contact with sap
Lenght :	Up to 2 m	The sap can cause an allergic reaction for some people	<u>Pull out</u> - Round shovel or a spade or a long handle;	- Wash the touched area with soap;
Leaves :	Oval, ending in a tip, dark green, smooth, shiny, two by two	<u>Protection gear</u> - Safety glasses - Long sleeves	- Remove all the roots ; - You can remove the plant by pulling gently but the stem break easily;	- Rinse thoroughly with clear water;
Flowers :	Small, dark red or pink (end of Mai, early in June)	- Long pants - Waterproof gloves - Closed shoes	- Don't allowed seeds to fell on the ground;	- Wash your hands; - Keep your skin covered and hidden from the sun
Pods:	Silky filaments inside the pods		- When finish, remove your clothes upside-down, put them in a bag, wash them and finally wash your hands	

## **Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) - DANGEROUS**

Description		Warning!	Intervention	If in contact with sap
Height:	2 to 5 m	The sap can cause dermatitis, chemical burns and photo sensibility,	<u>Pull out</u> - Round shovel or a spade or a long handle	- Remove the sap with paper towel without rubbing and spreading the sap on the skin;
Leaves :	Divided in 1 to 3 leaflets, deeply cut and serrated	<u>Protection measures</u> - Idem to wild parsnip - Waterproof cloths (synthetic material);	- Remove as roots as possible (20 cm underground);	- Rince thoroughly - Cover your skin and hide it from the light;
Flowers :	White flowers, sometimes pink, in an umbrella shape	- Well protect the protection cloths' juncture (wrist, ankle, neck)	- Cut under the part with leaf scars - When finish, put the plants in a plastic bag and close it;	- Wear gloves, long pants and long sleeves shirt for 1 week ;
Stem:	Rough hairs at the base of the leaves stem. Numerous, well defined and spread reddish or purple spots. Big, fluted and sturdy stem.	- Protect your eyes and if possible your whole face - <b>Be sure that nobody is around and will received sap or plants debris.</b>	- Wash the tools; - Remove your clothes upside-down, put them in a bag, wash them and finally wash your hand	- Wear sunscreen (FPS) 30 for 6 months

### Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*, *Rhus radicans*) - DANGEROUS

Description		Warning!	Intervention	If in contact with sap
Shape :	Bush, vine or creeping plant	The sap and oil can cause a allergenic dermatitis (a dolorous skin inflammation)  <u>Protection gear</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Safety glasses</li><li>- Long sleeves</li><li>- Long pants</li><li>- Waterproof, vinyl gloves</li><li>- Closed shoes</li></ul>	<u>Pull out</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pull out all the plant <b>without</b> breaking it into pieces</li><li>- Remove all the rhizomes and roots with a shovel, a spade or an hoe;</li><li>- If possible, work the ground;</li><li>- Putt the plants in a plastic bag and throw it (<b>don't</b> burn or punch)</li><li>- When finish, remove your clothes upside-down, put them in a bag, wash them many times with hot water and soap</li><li>- Wash the tools you used and finally wash your hands</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wash immediately with cold water and without soap every body parts exposed and under your fingernails;</li><li>- Take a shower</li><li>- Fresh water compress or a water and baking soda solution;</li><li>- If you have a fever, you should consult a doctor</li></ul>
Leaves :	Alternate Leaves separated in 3 oval leaflets which end in a point at the end of a long petiole. Leaves can be glazed, reddish to green and are asymmetrical whit deep ribs.			
Flowers :	Little greenish to yellow flowers arranged in a cluster giving fruits that can be white, beige, yellowish or brown.			

### Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*) - ALLERGEN

Description		Warning!	Intervention	If in contact with sap
Height:	Up to 70 cm	Can cause allergic reaction and sometimes asthma attack  <u>Protection measures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Avoid clothes that can keep seeds and pollen</li></ul>	<u>Uproot and throw</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Short and easy to pull roots</li><li>- When finish, remove your clothes upside-down, put them in a bag, wash them and finally wash your hands</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Not dangerous</li></ul>
Leaves :	Very chiselled, opposite at the base and alternate at the top, thin and gray-greenish leaves			
Flowers :	In tuft at the extremity of the plant,			
Stem:	Hairy, firm and green-grayish			

Useful links :

<http://sante.gouv.qc.ca/problemes-de-sante/brulures-causees-par-la-berce-du-caucase/>

<http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/nuisibles/berce-caucase/gestion-controle.pdf>

[http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/OIPC\\_BMP\\_DogStranglingVine.pdf](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/OIPC_BMP_DogStranglingVine.pdf)

[https://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/citoyens/propriete/plantes\\_nuisibles/index.aspx](https://www.ville.quebec.qc.ca/citoyens/propriete/plantes_nuisibles/index.aspx)

<http://www.chelsea.ca/?q=node/95>



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**Dog-strangling vine (*Cynanchum rossicum*) - INVASIVE**



**Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*) – INVASIVE (looks like bamboo)**





# Equipment

## Work Equipment

- Protection gear
- Shovel, spade, hoe, long handle
- Black plastic bag

## Protection gear

- Safety glasses
- Long sleeve shirt
- Longs pants
- Waterproof gloves (vinyl)
- Closed shoes
- Non-absorbent protective clothing (synthetic and waterproof materials);
- Well protect the protection cloths' juncture (wrist, ankle, neck)

## If in contact with sap

- 4 L of soapy water
- 4 L of clean water
- 4 L of a water and baking soda solution
- Replacement clothing
- Plastic bags for contaminated cloths
- Solar cream (minimum FPS 30)
- Paper towel

**\*\*\* WASH ALL EQUIPMENT WITH SOAPY HOT WATER MANY  
TIMES AT THE END OF THE DAY \*\*\***

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