



**Tualatin
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HELP STOP THE GARLIC MUSTARD INVASION!

Garlic mustard is of concern in your area right now! Please be on the lookout and help us stop the spread by **returning signed POE forms** to allow us to conduct the necessary surveys and treatment.

What is garlic mustard?

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a highly invasive plant native to Eurasia. It is spreading rapidly in Northwest Oregon from the Columbia Gorge to the Coast Range.

What does garlic mustard do?

Garlic mustard dominates forests, displacing native understory plants and interfering with tree regeneration. Infestations drastically reduce biodiversity and harm wildlife such as song birds, amphibians and pollinating insects by replacing native food or habitat plants.

How does garlic mustard spread?

Garlic mustard spreads exclusively by seed—which can last for up to 5 years. Seeds move by water, hikers, bikes, animals, as well as maintenance or construction equipment.

How do you identify garlic mustard?

Garlic mustard is a biennial plant that forms a rosette with kidney-shaped leaves in the first year (top photo). In the spring of the second year, it produces a 1-2 foot tall flowering stalk with toothed, triangular leaves and small 4-petaled flowers (bottom photo). *The plants produce a distinctive garlic odor when crushed (unlike their look-alikes).*

How do you control garlic mustard?

We control garlic mustard by conducting surveys to locate it, then sending licensed applicators to spray herbicide to control it. If you pull garlic mustard, it must be bagged and disposed of in the garbage, not yard waste. Mowing is not recommended.

How can you get involved?

- ✓ Sign and return your POE form to allow survey and spraying work on your property.
- ✓ Report new locations of garlic mustard by going to oregoninvasiveshotline.org.
- ✓ In Washington County, contact **(503) 615-3524** or invasives@cleanwaterservices.org for free, professional, streamside treatment.
- ✓ Learn more about how to create a weed-free native landscape at cleanwaterservices.org/gonative.



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