

## Weed Management

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For years ecologists have believed the cool temperatures and remote locations and comparatively minimal human population would protect Alaska from the invasions by invasive Weeds. Invasive Weeds are exactly what the name indicates, invaders. They are not native to Alaska and could have an irreversible effect on Alaska's ecosystem if not properly managed. A good example of an invasive plant is "white sweet clover," introduced to Alaska in the 1920's. Each plant has the ability to reproduce 350,000 seeds and each seed is viable up to 80 years. What do you think the weed infestation is like today? It is Alaska's most widespread invasive plant.



## More Information

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The spreading of invasive plants is an increasing global threat. There is more information about invasive plants in Alaska at our website below. It is a growing concern and the more we educate ourselves about them the less risk we have of needlessly damaging our ecosystems around the world.

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## Alaska Weed Awareness



## ALASKA

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There are few places that combine the convenience of the modern age with the freedom and adventure of living on the edge of a vast, unspoiled wilderness like Anchorage, or just plain living in the vast unspoiled wilderness such as the rural community of Alaska.

Inevitably Alaska is becoming more and more subject to growth and economic development, which opens the door for modern day challenges. An unlikely challenge that many people fail to realize is the spread of Invasive Weeds. Construction and other land disruption open the ground up for weed susceptibility.

**“It is better to prevent something from happening than to try and remove it.”**

-Unknown



## Two things you can do.

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Because of the growing concern of the spread of invasive Plants, We all have a part to play in the prevention of the spreading of invasive plants.



## Wash your car

Plant seeds can get stuck in the most interesting places. If you are coming in from out of state it is especially important that you take this into consideration. Dispersal of seeds by humans is a major reason for the spread of plants around the world and may lead to a non-native species invasion. People move around and are unaware of weed seeds attached to their vehicles and clothing. When you enter the state we advise you to stop at the first car wash you see and give your vehicle a thorough washing. Be sure to especially wash the undercarriage of your car and other places that might have weed seeds attached to them.



## Report sightings

As you travel through Alaska and experience everything this great state has to offer, we ask you also to pay attention to any unfamiliar types of plants that you think might be an Invasive Weed you can simply report it to us via telephone or the internet at: 1-877-invasiv

[www.eddmaps.org/alaska/report/](http://www.eddmaps.org/alaska/report/)

For more information about Invasive Plants you can visit our website at:

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