



Kitsap County

Noxious Weed Control Program

Q2 Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. PROGRAM UPDATES
 - a. Stewardship Assistance Program
 - b. Public lands mapping project
 - c. City of Bainbridge Island ILA
 - d. City of PO code update
 - e. Outreach and education
4. GENERAL BUSINESS
 - a. Approve minutes: March 4, 2026
 - b. Disposal Program
 - c. Vehicle options and costs
5. ADJOURNMENT

Call to Order

- *Quorum*
- *Agenda Review*
- *Conflicts of Interest*



Public Comment

General Comments for the Board



Please keep comments under two minutes.



Program Updates

Stewardship Assistance Program



Current Status

- Handful of knotweed sites on board from 2025
- Outreach starting in April newsletter
- Will offer as option in compliance cases
- Awaiting legal approval of stewardship agreement

'Stewardship Agreement' Highlights:

- Two-year term; follow up visits/treatments as needed
- Herbicides – no glyphosate, spot treatments only; Includes 3 days notice for treatment, exception for urgent situations
- Landowner agrees to follow Management Plan, provide updates at 50% and 100% of term; May suspend or end support if landowner doesn't follow management plan
- Working on property lines will require signature from adjacent landowner(s)
- Standard liability and legal language

Public Lands Monitoring Project Status Update

- Scope of Work agreed on with Mosaic
- Contract slated for BoCC approval at 4/13 Regular Meeting
- Surveying should start in April



Interlocal Agreements



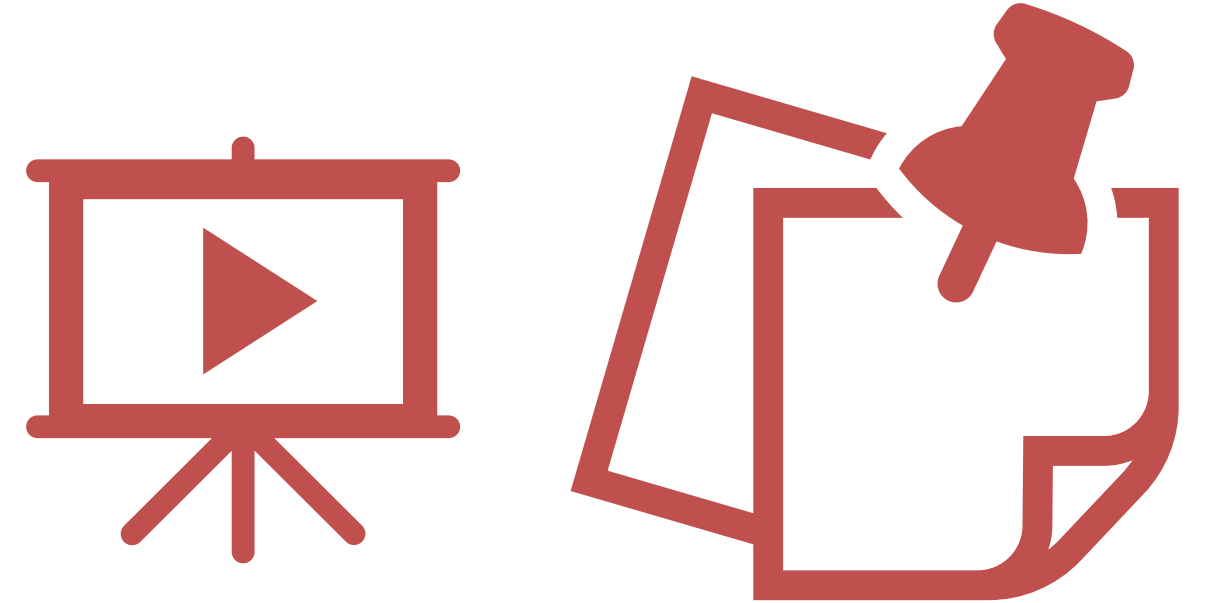
- Met with City of Bainbridge Island Public Works Director – Chris Wierzbicki
- Interested in establishing ILA with County
- Have \$25k annual budget for weed control, spent none in 2025 (\$50k available for 2026)
- Suggested utilizing 2026 funds for the other jurisdictions
- Drafting SOW for ILA now; legal is drafting actual ILA
- Have reached out to other jurisdictions to start discussion

City of Port Orchard Code Update



- Met with City of Port Orchard planners on upcoming code update
- Code will apply to multi-family development; commonly see infestations during/after these projects
- City seeking guidance on native plant lists, and management plans beyond initial control work
- Can point to existing native plant resources, general management guides – does board want to endorse anything for cities to reference?
- Any guidance endorsed by board can be used by all planning jurisdictions in Kitsap

Education & Outreach Activities

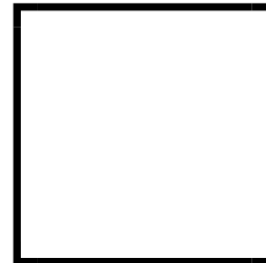


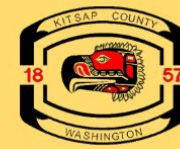
- Master Gardener's Plant Sale – Saturday, May 9th, 9am-2pm at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds
- Read Roam Rules
 - Monday, July 20th, 5pm-7pm at Long Lake County Park
 - Monday, July 27th, 5pm-7pm at Kitsap Regional Library, Port Orchard
- Quarterly Newsletters – Reduced frequency, more content
- Educational Video Series – Weed wrench use, weed reporting tools, herbicides, disposal, etc.
- New Postcard Notices for Priority Species



Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board
 619 Division Street MS-36
 Port Orchard, WA 98366

Invasive plants impact all of us, and we must work together to stop their spread. Please reach out to noxiousweeds@kitsap.gov for guidance on control, disposal, and prevention. Visit our website at www.kcowa.us/noxiousweeds for additional resources and more information about the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board and Program.



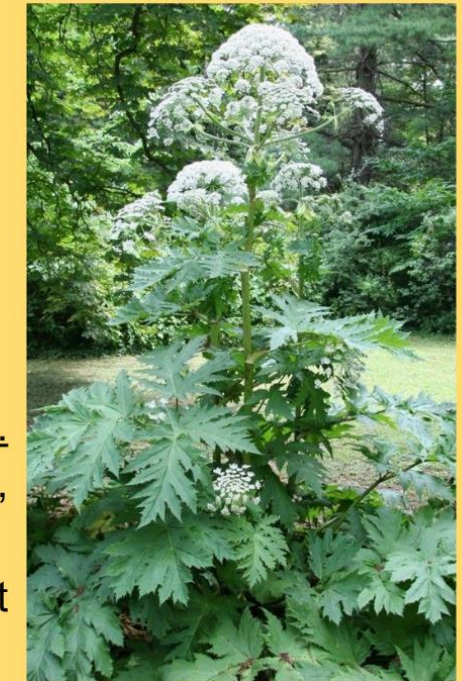


NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

Giant hogweed has been spotted on or near your property.



Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is a toxic Class A noxious weed in Washington State. **Eradication is required per RCW 17.10.140.**



Control Guidance:

Wear gloves and long sleeves/pants when handling. Sap can cause severe burns. Plants can be dug out, (including all roots) bagged and placed in the trash, not compost or yard waste. Contact us at noxiousweeds@kitsap.gov with any questions.

General Business



Approve previous meeting minutes:

March 4, 2026



Noxious Weed Disposal



Recommendation:

1. Identify alternative disposal options (other facilities, yard waste bins, DIY options)
2. Develop messaging on change and align with partners (County departments, Bainbridge Disposal)
3. Begin outreach on upcoming change and alternatives this year, with goal of officially starting in 27'

If partnerships with other facilities are established this year, start *asking* folks to take blackberry and ivy to non-county facilities or dispose in yard waste. Implement hard change in 2027.

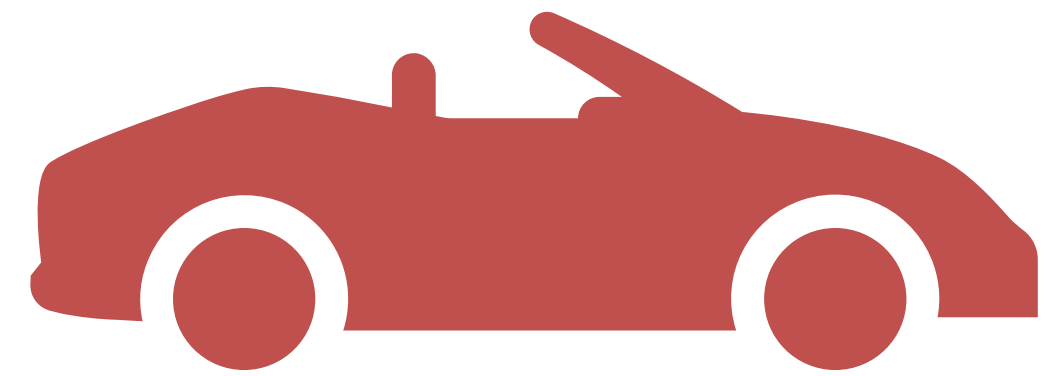
Yard Waste Facilities



- 10-12 facilities that take blackberry, ivy, or both
- \$12 - \$21 per cubic yard (roughly one truck bed), compared to ~\$45 minimum at OVTS
- Mostly concentrated in North Kitsap, with handful in Belfair, Bainbridge, Bremerton; nothing in South Kitsap
- Some places chip, some compost, some send to other facilities

Other County Disposal Guidance

- Mix of solid waste and yard waste acceptance
- Most counties with programs accept all species, some have specific list of subspecies
- Mix of guidance recommending only solid waste/garbage or yard waste



Program Vehicle Options

Two Model Options



Ford F-150: \$45-55k



Ford Maverick: \$35,000 +/-

Recurring costs for program vehicle (either model):

- Annual Vehicle Cost: \$10,636
- For 6 months: \$5,318
- This is for annual fuel, and operations and maintenance, and fleet replacement.



Adjournment

Thank you for coming!