

A Friendly Notice about Invasive *Phragmites australis*



Phragmites is an aggressive non-native plant species that reproduces rapidly, out-competing native species. This negatively impacts recreation and tourism, agriculture, property values, the natural environment (coastal wetlands and dunes) and Species at Risk.

Phragmites may be unintentionally introduced as hitchhikers on ATVs, heavy equipment and clothing and, unknowingly, often planted for ornamental purposes.

This notice is part of a *Phragmites* education, early detection, response and monitoring plan for the Lambton Shores *Phragmites* Community Group (LSPCG) and partners whose mission is to protect Lambton Shores from the negative impacts of *Phragmites*.

Options for Controlling *Phragmites*

Phragmites has no natural predator so human intervention is required to control it.

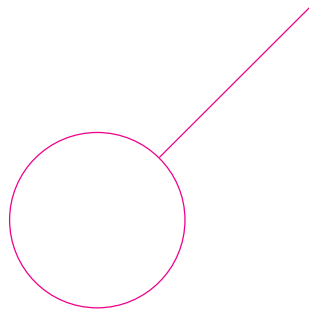


Currently there are no herbicides available in Canada to control invasive *Phragmites* growing in WET SITES.

Spading Underground Roots is an option on coastal dunes and at the sediment level in wet sites where *Phragmites* is sparse. Refer to <http://opwg.ca/best-management-practices-factsheets/> for visual instructions on spading.

Herbicide Application can be done if spading is not an option. If you are interested in having *Phragmites* on your property chemically controlled please contact: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority at <http://www.abca.on.ca> or 1-888-286-2610 or St. Clair Region Conservation Authority at <https://www.scrca.on.ca> or 519-245-3710. Please note there may be a cost to you for this service.

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In large cells it is important to note that animals, including nesting birds, turtles, frogs, toads, or snakes, may be present on the edges of *Phragmites* cells. Control activities should be timed to reduce potential harm or mortality.

Disposal Once dried, dead stalks should be cut and burned. Please check municipal by-laws.



Only trained professionals should burn standing *Phragmites*.

Our Partners in Habitat Restoration



For more information please refer to:

Ontario Phragmites Working Group: <http://www.opwg.ca/>

Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative: <http://greatlakesphragmites.net/>

Our community's Management Plan can be viewed at www.lambtonshores.ca

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