

# CAUTION! POISONOUS PLANTS

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## GIANT HOGWEED

**Poisonous:** Yes, do not touch this plant.

**Height:** 1 to 5.5 metres.

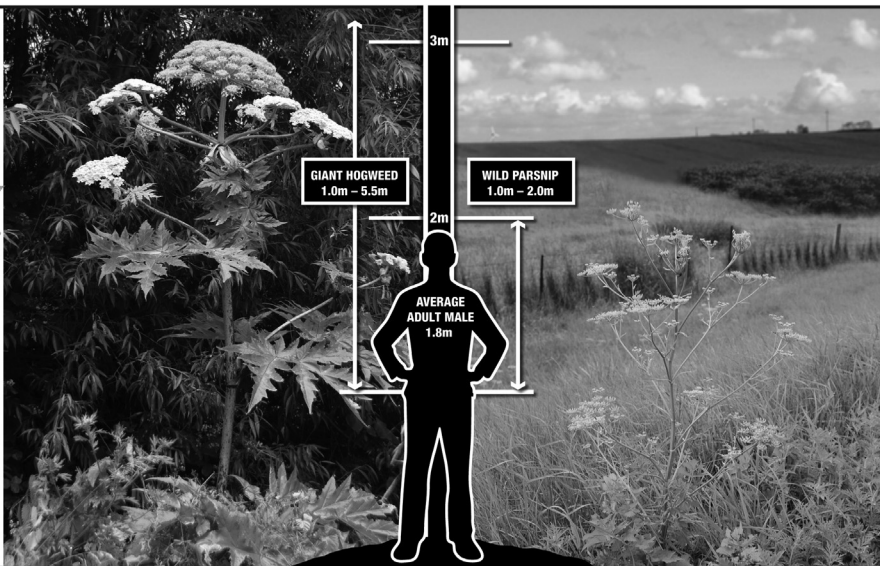
**Leaves:** Large, deeply cut with sharp coarse teeth, reaching widths in excess of 1 metre.

**Stems:** Covered in coarse, whisker-like hairs with red/purple spots.

**Flowers:** White, umbrella shaped, up to 1.2 metres across.



**CAUTION:** If you come in contact with this plant, you could experience severe burns to your skin. Contact with eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness.



## WILD PARSNIP

**Poisonous:** Yes, do not touch this plant.

**Height:** 1 to 2 metres.

**Leaves:** Pinnately compound with 2-5 pairs of opposite, sharply toothed leaflets.

**Stems:** Completely smooth and reddish/green in colour.

**Flowers:** Yellow, umbrella shaped, 10-20 cm across. Similar in appearance to dill.



**CAUTION:** If you come in contact with this plant, you could experience severe burns to your skin. Contact with eyes can cause temporary or permanent blindness.



### HOW DO I PROTECT MYSELF?

#### WHEN WORKING NEAR THESE PLANTS:

- Wear goggles, rubber gloves, rubber boots and Tyvek coveralls
- Make sure to bring a bucket, soap, water and a scrub brush, and thoroughly wash rubber boots and gloves before taking off all of your protective clothing

#### IF I COME INTO CONTACT WITH THESE PLANTS:

- Seek immediate shelter (exposure to sap makes human skin hypersensitive to sunlight)
- Thoroughly wash exposed skin with soap and water
- If skin reacts, seek medical attention

#### STILL UNSURE?

Take a photo and submit it along with its location to the online weed identification service at [www.weedinfo.ca](http://www.weedinfo.ca)



## Notice to Property Owners: Destroy Nuisance Weeds - Giant Hogweed

Giant Hogweed has been found in the Town of Halton Hills. This is a giant plant that looks like "Queen Anne's Lace" but is **Very Dangerous** to handle. If you find it, please do not touch it with your bare hands and keep children away from it.

Community Standards By-law 2008-0138 No. Part 3, Section 3 Nuisance Weeds states "Property Owners are required to destroy and remove all nuisance weeds and weed seeds on their land." Giant Hogweed is considered to be a nuisance weed.

For further information on Giant Hogweed please visit the Town of Halton Hills website at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca)

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