

Spring best time for removal

26. For removal and management, Van Ryswyk recommends hiring a professional exterminator. The best time to do so is late April or early May, as the plant is easier to dig up and more susceptible to herbicides. Attempting removal this time of year is pointless, she said. "You're kind of wasting your time, effort and money. After it flowers, it's just dying. Next spring the seeds will re-sprout and those you have to worry about," said Van Ryswyk.

Those brave enough to conquer the plant on their own should wear protective clothing, including waterproof gloves, a long sleeve shirt, pants and eye protection. A disposable spray suit is also suggested.

The town has hired a contract weed sprayer to assist with its eradication. Signage will be posted in the affected area before and after the plant has been sprayed to alert residents.

Plant sightings numerous

There have been many sightings of giant hogweed in Milton. They include, but are not limited to:

- Esquesing Line, north of James Snow Parkway at the creek area by the bridge
- Sixteen Mile Creek, east of Milton Sports Centre to Louis St. Laurent Avenue
- Louis St. Laurent Avenue bridge over 16 Mile Creek, base of bridge on both sides of creek
- Steeles Avenue creek alongside the Grand Chalet Restaurant
- Peru Road creek just below Modatek
- Campbellville Side Road west of Guelph Line
- Campbellville Side Road by CPR railroad crossing at tracks
- Sixteen Mile Creek south below Louis St. Laurent Avenue
- Sixteen Mile Creek Laurier Avenue

IT'S YELLOW-JACKET WASP SEASON!



"WASP FACTS"

- Nests built in wall cavities that could have up to 800 wasps
- Populations "explode" in mid-August
- Wasps start feeding on carbohydrate found at your picnic table in mid-August
- Wasps do not produce honey, keep children away from active nests

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