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Responsible Gardening and the Quarantine of English Ivy and Butterfly Bush

By Laura Smith, Assistant Conservation Technician, Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District

As of December 31, 2009, English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) and Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*) will be added to the Oregon state noxious weed quarantine list. That means that it will no longer be legal to propagate, import, or sell these species. Though, both ivy and butterfly bush have been listed on the Oregon Noxious Weed B-list for some time now.

Both English Ivy and Butterfly bush are common ornamental landscape plants. However, once they escape into parks and wild areas they become invasive, out-competing native plants, threatening native wildlife, agriculture and other land uses. It is best not to use these species in your landscape. Often there are attractive alternative plants that are not detrimental to natural areas.

English Ivy is a common perennial evergreen vine.

English Ivy is especially a problem in forests where it grows up trees, eventually causing the death of these trees. Ivy can kill trees by girdling them, and can cause trees to fall over more easily in windstorms due to the added weight.

If you suspect that you have English Ivy growing in your landscape you should first identify it correctly using a field guide or other reliable source, then you should take measures to insure that it's growth is controlled, or you should eradicate it.

When Ivy first invades a tree, it can easily be pulled. However, it quickly develops and thick, woody, tree-like stem which is difficult to remove. Simply sawing or cutting completely through the stem at ground level will effectively kill the ivy plant.

Alternative plants include: Kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*), Prostrate Ceanothus (*Ceanothus prostrates*), beach strawberry (*Fragaria chiloense*), star jasmine (*Trachelospermum asiaticum*) and many more.



English Ivy (*Hedera helix*)

Photo by Tom Forney, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture



Butterfly Bush has become an increasingly popular landscape plant in recent years. It is a deciduous shrub that grows to be fairly large. It bears showy purple flowers that are similar in shape to lilacs. Contrary to the name, butterfly bush does not provide habitat or food for native butterfly larvae.

If you planted a butterfly bush prior to 2004 you are not required to remove the plant. Although, after flowering, dead flowers must be removed before they create viable seed that could be transferred to nearby woodlands.

Alternative plants include: any sterile hybrid of butterfly bush, Blue Blossom (*Ceanothus thyrsiflorus*), Red-flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*), Mock orange (*Philadelphus lewisii*) and many more.

Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*)

Photo by Tom Forney, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture

For more information on invasive species refer to: Oregon Department of Agriculture website: <http://oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/>
And GardenSmart Oregon a guide to non-invasive plants booklet.

Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District Welcomes Assistant Conservation Technician Laura Smith

Hello, I am Laura Smith, and today I am happy to introduce myself as your new Assistant Conservation Technician. I began work on Monday, November 16th.

Before coming here, I worked as a Soil Conservation Technician for USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service in The Dalles, Oregon. There I worked closely with the Wasco Soil and Water Conservation District. I have also worked at a retail nursery in Portland, and as a Plant Health Care Technician for an arbor company out of Clackamas, Oregon. I earned my Bachelors of Science in Horticulture from Montana State University in 2006.

I am excited to be living in Reedsport, a place that my family and I came for vacation in the summers when I was growing up. I have many fond memories of this region, and today I am honored to be in a position to help protect and restore this very special natural area. I look forward to being a valuable resource to residents throughout the district whether they are agricultural producers, or urban residents.

I will be working on an invasive species monitoring project and a tide gate monitoring project. If you have information regarding invasive species or tide gates in the area please feel free to contact me, I would love to hear from you! I will be working in the Umpqua SWCD office which is located above the Reedsport Coffeehouse.

Welcome Laura!

Salmon Harbor Marina Receives Clean Marina Flag

Salmon Harbor was recently certified as an Oregon Clean Marina by the Oregon State Marine Board. According to the Oregon State Marine Board website a marina



has to "contribute to the protection of water quality for the benefit of [the] facility and future generations" by taking measures to prevent "pollution associated with marina operations" and "designation is a testament to the marine facility's efforts to do its part to keep Oregon's waterways pollution-free". Salmon Harbor also offers a recycling center for residents to recycle batteries, glass, aluminum, cardboard, plastic and paper. Congratulations Salmon Harbor!

Douglas County Weed Day 2010

Douglas County Weed Day is an educational program for controlling noxious weeds on farms, ranches, homes, woodlots and non-crop areas.

- Date:** Wednesday, February 3, 2010
- Time:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Location:** Douglas County Fairgrounds—Cascade Hall
- Cost:** \$5.00 or bring a weed specimen (Fresh in a baggie or small pot & dried in a paper bag)



Registration at the door. Coffee & donuts provided.

Weed identification available on site.

For more information contact the Douglas County Oregon State University Extension Service at (541) 672-4461.

About the District

The Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1953. The District's boundaries encompass 600,000 acres of northwestern Douglas County and include the communities of Reedsport, Gardiner, Winchester Bay, Smith River, Tahkenitch Lake, Ash Valley, Scottsburg, Elkton and Kellogg.

A seven member Board of Directors elected in the general election serve without pay to administer District activities.

Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors

- George Black – Chair
- King Phelps – Vice Chair
- Tom Black – Secretary/Treasurer
- Ron Brandon
- Paul Dailey
- Bob Sharp

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. during daylight savings time and 6:00 p.m. during standard time. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend meetings, which are generally held at the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District office, located within the Reedsport Coffee House and Bistro, 2285 Longwood Drive in Reedsport.

SWCD Staff

- Rhonda Black – Conservation Technician/
District Manager
- Laura Smith – Assistant Conservation
Technician

"The mission of the locally led Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide assistance to any individual, group, or agency in applying natural resource conservation practices for the wise use of their natural resources."

The Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District's new website is complete and can now be found on the internet at:

www.umpquasoilandwater.com

Please visit us on the web as a variety of useful information has been published with more information on the way.

Did You Know?



Spilled or leaked motor oil, antifreeze, chemical based household cleaning agents and pesticides can find a way into storm drains leading to waterways. These substances degrade water quality and are hazardous to fish and birds as well as other aquatic life.

There are many options available to correctly dispose of these items when they are no longer needed. Used motor oil should be recycled. Household cleaning agents, paints, thinners, solvents, pesticides, and fuels should be taken to a household hazardous waste collection center for proper disposal. Alkaline batteries manufactured prior to 1996 should be taken to a collection center

as these batteries could contain mercury. Used vehicle batteries and antifreeze should be disposed of properly.

The table below gives a list of agencies where these items can be taken for disposal as well as agency contact information.

Properly disposing of liquid wastes keeps streams and lakes healthy for Salmon and other wildlife as well as for us. For more information regarding watershed health please contact the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District office at (541) 662-1341 or on the web at www.umpquasoilandwater.com.

More information on recycling in Douglas County can be found at www.RecyclePower.org.

Recycle & Disposal Organizations

Product	Organization	Location	Telephone
<i>Liquid Paints-Thinners-Solvents-Pesticides-Fuels-Chemicals-Etc.</i>	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center Open 1-Day Per Week & 1-Saturday Per Month	Eugene: 3100 E. 17th Ave Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM *Call to Schedule an Appointment!	(541) 682-3111
<i>Motor Oil-Vehicle Batteries-Paint (Dried, No Lid)</i>	Douglas County Transfer Station Open 10 AM-6 PM, Wednesday-Sunday	Reedsport: East on Hwy 38, Turn Right Onto Schofield Rd, ½ Mile on Right	(541) 271-2272
<i>Vehicle/Boat Batteries</i>	Salmon Harbor Marina Recycling Center Open 24 Hours, 7-Days Per Week	Winchester Bay: Ork Rock Road, Middle Peninsula	(541) 271-3407
<i>Motor Oil-Vehicle Batteries-Paint (Dried, No Lid)</i>	Douglas County Transfer Station Open 10 AM-6 PM, Wednesday-Sunday	Elkton: Hwy 38 3 Miles West of Elkton	
<i>Latex Paint (3/4 Full with Label & No Rust)</i>	Heartwood ReSources Open Tuesday-Saturday	Roseburg: 3490 Highway 99 South	(541) 679-1777
<i>Antifreeze</i>	M&P Auto Services	Sutherlin: 421 W. Central	(541) 459-1623
<i>Alkaline & Rechargeable Batteries</i>	Next Generation Recycle	Roseburg: 1900 SE Main *In South Gate Shopping Center	(541) 229-9889
<i>Rechargeable Batteries</i>	Lowe's/Sears/Radio Shack	Roseburg Stores	
<i>Cooking Oil</i>	Eugene Chemical	Douglas County: Drop off Locations in Black Bins. *Call for Locations.	(541) 995-6025
<i>Antifreeze-Alkaline Batteries Pre 1996-Vehicle Batteries-Motor Oil & Filters</i>	Glenwood Central Receiving Station Open 8 AM-6 PM, Monday-Saturday	Eugene: 3100 E. 17th Ave	(541) 682-4119
<i>Antifreeze-Alkaline Batteries Pre 1996-Vehicle Batteries-Motor Oil & Filters</i>	Lane County Transfer Station Open 8 AM-6 PM, Monday-Saturday	Florence: 2820 N. Rhododendron Dr.	(541) 682-4119

Fish Friendly All-Purpose Cleaning Solution

- 1 Quart Warm Water
- 1 Teaspoon Liquid Soap
- 1 Teaspoon Borax
- ¼ Cup Vinegar

In a labeled bottle mix the water, liquid soap, borax and vinegar. Test first in an inconspicuous spot, then use as needed.

Recipe provided by the Salmon Nation from the Oregon Governor's Natural Resource Office



Fish Friendly Furniture Polish

In a labeled bottle:

Mix ¼ cup white distilled vinegar and a few drops food grade linseed oil, jojoba, or olive oil. Test wood first in an inconspicuous spot, then polish.

Recipe from the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds

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How to Find Us:

If going north on Highway 101 take the first right onto Longwood Drive just as you enter Reedsport. For reference, the Reedsport High School will be across the street. Then turn right into the Reedsport Coffee House and Bistro parking lot. Come on inside and visit us at the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District office.

If going south on Highway 101 drive through the last stoplight in Reedsport. Turn into the last turning lane and turn left onto Longwood Drive. Then turn right into the Reedsport Coffee House and Bistro parking lot. Visit us upstairs at the Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District office.

MEETINGS IN THE AREA

Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District

Meets every 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM during daylight savings time and 6:00 PM during standard time. Generally held at the Reedsport Coffee House and Bistro, 2285 Longwood Drive in Reedsport and occasionally held at the Elkton Community Education Center, 15850 Highway 38 West in Elkton. Contact Rhonda Black for information at (541) 662-1341 or email rhonda@umpquasoilandwater.com.

Smith River Watershed Council

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Held at the Smith River Grange Hall, milepost #9 on Smith River Road. Contact Brian Swift for information at (541) 271-2223 or email smithriver@toast.net.

Gardiner/Reedsport/Winchester Bay Salmon Trout Enhancement Program

Meets the 3rd Friday of each month at 5:00 PM. Held at the Gardiner hatchery at 76919 US Highway 101 North. Contact Frank Paula at (541) 271-0626.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

"To be a respected, valued community organization committed to managing the natural resources base for future generations. To ensure sustainable agricultural and forest production, supporting functioning human, wildlife, fish and forest habitat."

