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Resources on Invasive Plants in the Regional District of Nanaimo Available Online

Invasive plants are an issue across the province and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) has experienced growing interest from individuals and volunteer groups who want to help tackle this problem in our region. In response, the RDN has developed [Invasive Species in the RDN](#), an online resource that provides residents with information and tools to identify, report and remove invasive plants. It includes an invasive plants photo gallery, guides, online form to report invasive plants found in RDN parks, links to external resources, a Q&A section and more. As part of the initiative, the RDN will also be sharing volunteer opportunities where residents can come together to help remove invasive plants in our community parks and other areas in the RDN.

Invasive plants such as Scotch broom, giant hogweed, English ivy and other plant species grow rapidly on the West Coast and do considerable damage to our local environment. They cause habitat degradation and reduce biodiversity by displacing native plants and the animal species that depend on them. In some cases, invasive plants can also cause serious harm to people and animals if touched or ingested.

RDN parks staff actively remove invasive plants from our parks and collaborate with organizations such as the Invasive Species Council of BC and the Coastal Invasive Species Committee, as well as smaller volunteer groups to remove invasive plants

Residents are encouraged to learn more at getinvolved.rdn.ca/invasivespecies. They can also sign up on Get Involved RDN to provide input and ask questions and subscribe to the [Invasive Species in the RDN](#) webpage to receive volunteer information and other updates directly. Additional information will be added over time to provide residents with the latest resources on invasive plants in our region.

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