

Garlic Mustard ALERT!

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Hello Neighbor,
Garlic mustard has been spotted in the immediate area and may have invaded your landscape. Please be on the look-out for this highly invasive* plant.



Above photo: Chris Evans,
River to River CWMA,
www.forestryimages.org

Above right photo: John
Cardina, The Ohio State
University, Bugwood.org



Plant stays green
all year. Odor
of garlic when
crushed. Young
rosette (cluster

of leaves) grows close to the
ground. Adult plants grow
upright with white four petal
flower at the end of stalk.



Photo: Daniel Herms,
The Ohio State University,
Bugwood.org

*An invasive plant is an alien
(non-native) species whose
introduction does or is
likely to cause economic or
environmental harm or harm to
human health. This is a photo
of a typical garlic mustard
infestation.

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Impacts:

- Out competes or displaces native plants and trees.
- One plant can produce up to 3,000 seeds that can remain viable in soil for ten years or more.
- Releases chemicals that hinder the growth of most other plants and trees.

Prevent Further Spread:

- Monitor your property carefully and frequently for new infestations. Removing one or two plants before they go to seed is much easier than removing hundreds later.
- Clean shoes, pant cuffs, pockets and equipment thoroughly after walking or working in an infested area.

Suggested Control:

- Hand removal is best achieved before plants go to seed. When the soil is moist, grasp low and firmly on the plant and tug gently until the main root loosens from the soil and the entire plant pulls out. Pulled plants should be bagged and placed in trash — **DO NOT COMPOST OR LEAVE PULLED PLANTS ON SITE.**
- Be a part of the state-wide **Garlic Mustard Challenge**. Report your trash bag total to www.stewardshipnetwork.org

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