

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

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Invasive Plant Control Treatment



Annual invasive plant control treatments have once again commenced within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) boundaries including all Electoral Areas by the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society.

Control measures on Crown roadsides start in June and run through September. This work involves spot application of herbicides to control invasive plants including leafy spurge, blueweed, hoary alyssum, puncturevine, longspine sandbur, knapweed and other priority plant species on highways and secondary roads. Some sites will be treated manually (hand pulling or digging) near wells and creek buffers. The work is being undertaken on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

All treated areas will be posted with signs identifying when the treatment was done, the target species and the herbicide applied. A list of highways and secondary roads where treatment is planned is available at the RDOS office at 101 Martin St., Penticton.

Organic producers who wish to discuss the possibility of a no-spray buffer adjacent to property you own or lease, please contact the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS); by email or telephone, listed below

Residents with concerns about herbicide treatment on the road rights-of-way adjacent to your property should contact OASISS to discuss concerns.

For Invasive Species information:

OASISS web site: <http://www.oasiss.ca/>

OASISS FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/invasivespeciessociety/>

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For further information, contact the Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society (OASISS)
OASISS Program Manager Lisa Scott: Oasiss@shaw.ca 250-404-0115

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Karla Kozakevich, Chair
Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen



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