



Learn How to Control Aliens In the Garden

Date: Friday, March 13, 2009

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VICTORIA, BC — Aliens are living amongst us – perhaps in our own backyards. Often referred to as “alien” or “non-native”, invasive plants are weeds that spread aggressively, displacing native plants and threatening local ecosystems. Spurge daphne and Tree lupine are two invasive plants that have taken root in Victoria.

Knowing how to identify these “aliens” and how to safely remove them from your garden is the focus of *Aliens In the Garden*, a free, two-hour, outdoor workshop offered by the City of Victoria on:

Saturday, March 21, 2009

10 a.m. – noon, Summit Park

Meet at playground near Blackwood Street entrance

1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Beacon Hill Park

Meet at Nursery Road parking lot

Saturday, March 28, 2009

1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Beacon Hill Park

Meet at Nursery Road parking lot

Control methods such as proper pulling, cutting and digging will be demonstrated, as well as the required use of protective equipment when removing Spurge daphne, a poisonous plant which causes severe eye and skin irritation. The workshop complements a fact sheet Victoria residents are receiving from the City this week by mail.

Registration is not required. Workshops will take place rain or shine. For more information, visit www.victoria.ca and click on *What's New?*

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Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

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