



## Workshop Teaches How to Control Aliens In the Garden

Date: Friday, March 20, 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.

The public and media are invited to attend a free, outdoor workshop to learn how to identify these invasive plants and safely remove them from the garden. Registration is not required.

What: Aliens In the Garden

When/Where: 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 received from the City last week by mail.

Workshops will take place rain or shine and are sponsored by the City of Victoria and the Federal Government of Canada Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk.

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