

GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF.

Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants like garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*). Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.



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What's The Problem?

Garlic mustard takes sunlight and food away from native species.

- Non-native seed and plant parts are carried from one place to another on our shoes, vehicle tires, by the wind and flowing water.
- Garlic mustard is a non-native invasive plant—one of many that were accidentally or intentionally introduced to Minnesota.



Other Invasive Plants On The Move...

Wild Parsnip
(*Pastinaca sativa*)



Wild parsnip sap can cause burns when it contacts skin in the presence of sunlight (phytophotodermatitis).

Leafy Spurge
(*Euphorbia Esula*)



Leafy spurge can displace native plants and reduce wildlife habitat. If present in a hayfield, the hay cannot be cut or moved.

Common buckthorn
(*Rhamnus cathartica*)



Common buckthorn leaves out early and retains leaves late into the fall creating dense shade that helps it to out-compete many native plants.



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