

## A Friendly Notice about Invasive *Phragmites australis*



*Phragmites* is an aggressive non-native plant species that reproduces rapidly, out-competing native species. This negatively impacts recreation and tourism, agriculture, property values, the natural environment (coastal wetlands and dunes) and Species at Risk.

*Phragmites* may be unintentionally introduced as hitchhikers on ATVs, heavy equipment and clothing and, unknowingly, often planted for ornamental purposes.

This notice is part of a *Phragmites* education, early detection, response and monitoring plan for the Lambton Shores *Phragmites* Community Group (LSPCG) and partners whose mission is to protect Lambton Shores from the negative impacts of *Phragmites*.

### Options for Controlling *Phragmites*

*Phragmites* has no natural predator so human intervention is required to control it.

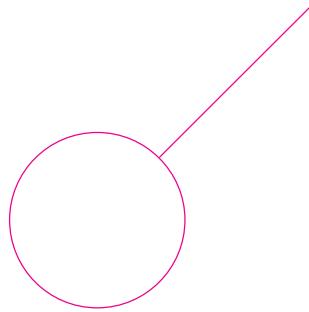


Currently there are no herbicides available in Canada to control invasive *Phragmites* growing in WET SITES.

**Spading Underground Roots** is an option on coastal dunes and at the sediment level in wet sites where *Phragmites* is sparse. Refer to <http://opwg.ca/best-management-practices-factsheets/> for visual instructions on spading.

**Herbicide Application** can be done if spading is not an option. If you are interested in having *Phragmites* on your property chemically controlled please contact: Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority at <http://www.abca.on.ca> or 1-888-286-2610 or St. Clair Region Conservation Authority at <https://www.scrca.on.ca> or 519-245-3710. Please note there may be a cost to you for this service.

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In large cells it is important to note that animals, including nesting birds, turtles, frogs, toads, or snakes, may be present on the edges of *Phragmites* cells. Control activities should be timed to reduce potential harm or mortality.

**Disposal** Once dried, dead stalks should be cut and burned. Please check municipal by-laws.



Only trained professionals should burn standing *Phragmites*.

## Our Partners in Habitat Restoration



For more information please refer to:

Ontario Phragmites Working Group: <http://www.opwg.ca/>

Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative: <http://greatlakesphragmites.net/>

Our community's Management Plan can be viewed at [www.lambtonshores.ca](http://www.lambtonshores.ca)

LSPCG can be contacted by email at [lspcg2014@gmail.com](mailto:lspcg2014@gmail.com)

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