

DANGEROUS FOE

Myrtle Spurge

It grows in xeriscape and rock gardens all over Boulder. You've probably seen it in the spring when it creates a carpet of yellow flowers.

But myrtle spurge is a dangerous foe. It is dangerous to you and your family as it produces a toxic, milky latex which causes severe blister-like burns if it touches your skin. The most common victims are children who unassumingly pick the pretty flowers.

It rapidly escapes gardens and invades sensitive ecosystems where it out competes native vegetation and reduces forage for wildlife.

What to do...?

- Dig up mature plants and pull new seedlings
- Protect yourself – wear gloves, long sleeves, pants and eye protection. Seek medical attention if it gets in your eyes!
- Chemical control may be necessary for larger populations
- Do not compost the plants – place them in the trash
- If you see myrtle spurge on public or private lands, report it to the proper landowner or agency

COLORADO A-LIST WEEDS

IN URBAN BOULDER

- **Purple Loosestrife** (*Lythrum salicaria*)
- **Myrtle Spurge** (*Euphorbia myrsinites*)
- **Dyer's Woad** (*Isatis tinctoria*)

IN BOULDER COUNTY

- **Mediterranean Sage** (*Salvia aethiopsis*) on public and private land north/northeast of Boulder
- **Yellow starthistle** (*Centaurea solstitialis*) on public and private land near Superior



Myrtle spurge is on the State of Colorado "A" list. Weeds on this list are designated for eradication by the Colorado Department of Agriculture to prevent their sale and spread. Residents and agencies have a legal obligation to prevent these plants from reproducing by any means.

For more information...

On CO's Noxious Weed List

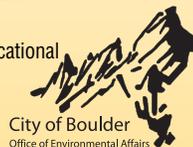
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