Purge Your Spurge & Get Free Plants

Myrtle Spurge is a common garden plant, but it's illegal in Colorado. Pull myrtle spurge from your garden, bring it to EcoCycle/ReSource at 6400 Arapahoe Avenue between 9 a.m. and noon on Saturday, May 10, 2014 and we'll give you FREE native plants! Enter a drawing to win a $20 gift certificate from Harlequin's Gardens!

How to Purge Spurge!

1. WEAR long sleeves, long pants, gloves and eye protection. Spurge contains white sap that can cause severe skin irritation, including blistering (another reason to get rid of it!).

2. REMOVE at least 4 inches of the root when pulling your spurge.

3. BAG the spurge and tie or fasten the bag closed. Never compost, since this could spread the weed when the compost is later used as mulch.

4. TELL your neighbors and friends to purge their spurge too. Everyone is welcome – Boulder County residents please purge your spurge and come get free plants too!

5. BRING your bags and get free native plants in return.

Myrtle Spurge

Saturday, May 10
9 a.m. to noon
EcoCycle/ReSource
6400 Arapahoe Avenue

More plants will be available through the Center for Resource Conservation Annual Plant Sale. Come back for the Zero Waste Community Celebration from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Did you know?

Myrtle Spurge is illegal to grow in the state of Colorado, and communities are being asked to eradicate this weed.*

Why?

Once this garden plant establishes itself in natural lands, it out-competes native plants and negatively impacts wildlife habitat.

For more info, visit:
BoulderColorado.gov/IPM

*The Colorado Noxious Weed Act, 35-5.5-110/C.R.S. (2003), designates myrtle spurge as a "Class A" Noxious Weed that must be eradicated. It is a violation of this law to allow myrtle spurge to "produce seed or develop other reproductive propagules." To read the complete act, visit, ww.ag.state.co.us. Property owners are required to eliminate this weed from their properties.