

# PURGE YOUR SPURGE & GET FREE PLANTS



Check out “Purge Your Spurge” on Facebook!

**SAT. APRIL 18**

9am-noon, Longmont, CO \*

**SAT. APRIL 25**

**&** 9am-noon, Louisville, CO  
9am-2pm, Golden, CO \*

**SAT. MAY 2**

9am-noon, Boulder, CO \*

**SAT. MAY 16 & JUNE 6**

9am-noon, Denver, CO \*

\* For more information about specific event details and locations please visit “Purge Your Spurge” on Facebook or contact [Morgan@wlrv.org](mailto:Morgan@wlrv.org)

## WHAT?

Myrtle Spurge is a common garden plant although illegal in Colorado\*. Left unchecked it can quickly outcompete native plants and invade natural areas.

Pull myrtle spurge from your garden and bring it to one of the PURGE YOUR SPURGE Exchange Events and we'll give you FREE native plants!

## 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! Nearby residents please purge your spurge and come get free plants too!

5

BRING your bags and get free native plants in return.



MYRTLE SPURGE

\*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, [www.ag.state.co.us](http://www.ag.state.co.us). Property owners are required to eliminate this weed from their properties.