

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Let's Pull Together, Nanaimo!

*Residents invited to participate in invasive plant awareness month*

#### Summary

May is Invasive Plant Awareness Month in the City of Nanaimo, and residents are invited to participate in a variety of invasive plant removal work parties happening throughout the month, as well as bring invasive plants for disposal to the Drop Zone.

Invasive plants have the potential to negatively impact local ecosystems. Plants, such as English Ivy, Scotch Broom and Himalayan Blackberry, are well established in Nanaimo. Others, such as Knotweed and Giant Hogweed are spreading. The work parties will focus on the removal of Broom, Daphne and Ivy at various locations, including Diver Lake Park, Lotus Pinatus Park, Linley Valley Park, Sugarloaf Mountain and Bowen Park. Also, homeowners who remove invasive plants from their own property can bring them to the Drop Zone for safe disposal on Saturday, May 28, 2022, 10 am until 2 pm located at Bowen Park.

If you are able to participate in any of the work parties, please register through the City website or call 250-756-5200.

*Strategic Link:* Invasive species control falls under Environmental Responsibility, one the four Pillars of Sustainability in the City of Nanaimo's Strategic Plan.

#### Key Points

- Residents are encouraged to participate in a variety of work parties held throughout May held in various Nanaimo parks.
- Residents can drop off invasive plants they have removed from their property at the Drop Zone located at Bowen Park (off Wall Street) on Saturday, May 28, 2022, 10 am until 2 pm.

#### Quotes

"Invasive plants are non-native plants that cause environmental harm to our ecosystems by out-competing our native plants for space, nutrients and sunlight. They can lessen the diversity of our ecosystems. Please join the community for some organized work parties with Parks, Recreation and Culture to help reduce the impact caused by invasive plants."

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