



ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Section: City Council

Subject: Policy for Neighbors of Natural Areas

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This policy emphasizes appropriate stewardship activities for those whose residences border natural areas. The City shall survey and mark boundaries of all parks and natural areas that abut private property to aid residences in recognizing City property.

Stewardship Guidelines

- Natural areas should be managed primarily for natural resource purposes.
- Removal of Nuisance Species. Mechanical removal of nuisance species* is permitted, but consult with City staff for large areas or steep slopes to make sure removals will not cause an erosion problem. Removal of native species will only be permitted as part of a larger restoration effort. Arrangements can be made for disposal of large amounts of nuisance vines or brush removed from City natural areas.
- Planting. Native species appropriate to the site may be planted with permission. Consult with City Natural Resources Coordinator before planting anything. The City may be able to provide plants or assistance in planting edges of natural areas.
- Hazards. Trees or large branches posing a hazard to private property should be brought to the attention of City Maintenance staff.
- Yard Debris Disposal. Yard debris should be composted or put out for yard debris collection. Rossman Sanitary Service as part of regular garbage fees provides this service. Grass clippings, leaves, and branches should not be disposed of in natural areas.

* See Page 2 for list.

Nuisance Plants

The following plants have been demonstrated to be invasive and detrimental to Lake Oswego natural areas. This provision applies to the below-named species and includes any sub-species, varieties, or cultivars of these species.

Scientific Name

Common Name

Clematis vitalba

Traveler's Joy

Cytisus scoparius

Scot's Broom

Hedera helix

English Ivy

Ilex aquifolium

English Holly

Lythrum salicaria

Purple Loosestrife

Phalaris arundinacea

Reed Canarygrass

Polygonum cuspidatum

Japanese Knotweed

Polygonum sachalinense

Giant Knotweed

Rubus discolor

Himalayan Blackberry