

Late April - Early May: pull by the roots. Throw away in sealed plastic bag with the trash. Start at the edges of infected areas and work your way in. Attack small patches before large areas.



Late May - Mid June: still OK to pull as long as you see NO black seeds on the green stems
NEVER compost Garlic Mustard!



If the seeds are still inside stems, it is safe to pull the plant. these

Early July: Once the green seed stems have turned brown OR you can see black seeds along green stems, DON'T PULL or walk through the plants. Wait until next Spring or you are likely to infect new areas. Don't walk in the woods after walking through an area with these plants!



Close up of seeds

If the stems are brown and you can see seeds, do NOT pull now. Note the area & wait until next May.

Wild Cohasset

Bringing native plants back to our
wild spaces

Garlic Mustard is a major threat to birds, butterflies & bees!

- Garlic mustard is a biennial (a 2-year plant). In the first year, it has round leaves. In its second year, it grows tall, flowers and goes to seed.
- Garlic Mustard changes the soil chemistry where it grows, killing beneficial micronutrients and making it so that very few other plants can grow in that soil.
- **Garlic mustard spreads when people dump their lawn debris and weeds onto roadsides. Its seeds are also present in the free compost found in most towns, such as in Cohasset and Scituate.**
- Garlic mustard kills certain butterflies who attempt to feed on it. It also displaces the plants that wildlife need to survive, such as milkweed (monarch butterflies) and jewelweed (hummingbirds).
- Once Garlic Mustard gets into a wooded area, it can eventually kill the entire forest. It is currently present in all conservation areas locally, including Wheelwright Park, Wompatuck State Park and World's End Reservation.
- Garlic Mustard seeds are found in many commercially purchased wildflower seed mixes, even though it is illegal to plant it in every state in America.
- One plant this year = up to 3,000 plants next year.
- Herbicides are not effective at controlling Garlic Mustard & harm plants & wildlife.

1st
year
plant



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