

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT

HAZARDOUS PLANTS IN TORONTO

PLANTS TO WATCH OUT FOR



Cow Parsnip

Native perennial

Sap can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe dermatitis



Poison Ivy

Native perennial

Can cause skin irritation and inflammation resulting in blistering and intense itchiness



Wild Parsnip

Invasive biennial

Sap can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe dermatitis



Giant Hogweed

Invasive biennial

Sap can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe dermatitis or blindness

EXPOSURE PROTECTION

Thoroughly **wash** clothing and equipment after hiking

If skin is exposed, wash it immediately with cool soapy water. **See a doctor if you experience any burns**



Wear **long pants**, a **long-sleeve shirt**, and **closed-toed shoes** to prevent exposure to skin

STAYING ON MAINTAINED TRAILS IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION FROM HAZARDOUS PLANTS

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you are concerned about a hazardous plant on City property, call 311 with the location and a description of the plant. You can also email 311@toronto.ca or tweet @311toronto with the location and a photo of the plant.