

BROOMBUSTERS



Cut Broom In Bloom!

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Scotch broom is an invasive alien plant taking over huge areas of Vancouver Island. Broom spreads rapidly & densely, chokes out native species. We have more Scotch broom than Scotland! It is a fire hazard, and can prevent reforestation. "The scourge of pastureland" takes over fields and pastures. It is toxic; animals cannot eat it. Broom causes serious allergies & tripping hazards. A pretty flower perhaps, but Scotch broom is bad news for our beautiful Islands. Stop the spread!

We are trying to get rid of Scotch broom in our community. We need your help.

Can you help remove the broom on your property, road and neighborhood?

How to Remove Scotch Broom

Cut in Bloom - April to mid-June

- **Use a long handled lopper.** Cut broom at ground level. It will die in the summer's dry heat. If the broom is too big, cut off the manageable branches, including the low stems in the grass. Big broom dies easily. Pull out very new broom.
- **Do not dig or pull big broom;** soil disturbance causes more seeds to sprout. Just cut.
- **Go after the advancing edge and light infestations first.** Work towards the denser areas. A single plant can produce 3,000 seeds that last 30 years. Stop the spread!
- **To dispose of broom:** On private land, burn, take to dump, compost. After the green seed pods form in June, burn or pile in infested area to burn in fall; do not move.
- **If you want to cut on the road,** contact Broombusters first. The MoTH or town offers chip up/ pick up in many areas. Sign a simple & free Adopt-a-Hwy insurance form. (See website.) No private broom on road please!
- If you want to join with neighbors to clear your road, let us know. We will try to help.

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