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NOTICE

Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) has been discovered in Maple Park and in unincorporated DeKalb County just outside of our Village boundaries, please see the map on the back side of this notice.

All parts (leaves, stem, fruit and root) of Poison Hemlock are poisonous. Poison Hemlock has a two-year lifecycle and several different stages can be growing at once in the same area. The Village has been in contact with the University of Illinois – Sycamore Extension and the U. S. Department of Agriculture to learn on how to eradicate the plant.

The Poison Hemlock that is in the Village right-of-way and edge of Memorial Park will be the Village's responsibility; however, the Village will not be responsible for the Poison Hemlock that is on private property.

The Extension office has stated that it is best to spray Poison Hemlock in the spring when the Poison Hemlock is young and has not flowered or in the fall after the plant has died back for the season. Per the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Extension Office both say that at this point in the growing cycle there are three (3) options for eradication/removal:

1. **Spray** the Poison Hemlock with Glyphosate (marketed as RoundUp or other brands). Always read the label directions for best application practices. Please use caution, this may kill plants you may want to keep or affect the crops in the field near your location, be sure to spray on a non-windy day so the chemicals do not travel, especially if your property abuts a farm field, or
2. **Till** the plants into the soil and then wait until fall and then spray. The ground can be sprayed with a mixture of 2,4-D (Amine) and Glyphosate (marketed as RoundUp or other brands). When tilling the soil, the person working should wear the protective gear listed, or
3. **Dig** the Poison Hemlock up at the roots and throw into a garbage bag. Be sure to remove the entire long taproot.

Removal/eradication of the Poison Hemlock on private property is at your own risk, the Village assumes no liability for the recommendations listed and is relaying the information received.

Herbicides should not be applied within 60 feet of water bodies and creeks. Any equipment used to mow, till or dig up the Poison Hemlock should be thoroughly cleaned.

Protective Gear to Wear When Eradicating Poison Hemlock

1. Wear clothing/disposable hazmat suit that covers as much skin as possible
2. Be sure to wear protective eye wear
3. Be sure to wear a face mask and/or respirator
4. Wear gloves

The Village has reported the Poison Hemlock that is growing on Maple Park Road to the DeKalb County Department of Public Health.

To learn more about hemlock, please access the following links:

<https://www.ars.usda.gov/pacific-west-area/logan-ut/poisonous-plant-research/docs/poison-hemlock-conium-maculatum>

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/fnr/fnr-437-w.pdf>

———— = Areas where Poison Hemlock is growing

