



Maine Forest Service Invasive Plant Management Program

Landowner Instructions – Invasive Plant Control Treatments

Consult your Invasive Plant Control Practice Plan (IPCPP) for the treatment recommendations offered by your plan preparer. Contact contractors who offer the invasive plant treatment services recommended in your IPCPP. Some treatments may require the use of multiple contractors. If herbicides are recommended and you wish to use them, licensed pesticide applicator contractor lists are available from the [Maine Integrated Pest Management Council](#) or the [Maine Board of Pesticides Control](#). These lists are not exhaustive nor an endorsement by the Invasive Plant Management Program managers. Any contractor qualified or licensed to work in the State of Maine is eligible. The terms and arrangements for treatments are strictly between you and the contractor(s).

Complete, sign, and submit a Maine Forest Service Invasive Plant Control Treatment Application Form to the Maine Forest Service. If approved, you will receive an approval letter. Please make sure your contractor does not start treatment before receiving an approval letter from the Maine Forest Service. Approval letters are sent electronically to the e-mail address provided on your initial IPCPP application. Treatments must be completed by April 30, 2025. Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Contact the Maine Forest Service for more information.

When filling out the treatment application form, please provide the name(s) listed on your IPCPP, the property address, the contractor(s) you intend to employ with their contact information, and attach a written description (requirements below) about the proposed treatment(s). Eligible treatments as well as acres to be treated must be included in your IPCPP.

Please include the following in your written description about the proposed treatment:

1. Treatment type
 - a. Chemical – e.g. herbicide
 - b. Mechanical – e.g. mowing, cutting, etc.
 - c. Other – please be specific
2. Treatment methods
 - a. How the treatment type(s) will be implemented on the land, e.g. application timing, chemical mixes, cutting methods, etc.
 - b. May require specific input from your contractor(s)

3. Specific invasive plants targeted
 - a. Invasive plant(s) are you targeting and which method(s) are you using on each targeted species
4. Treatment area(s)
 - a. Locations on the property where treatment(s) will occur
 - b. Acreage to be treated
5. Reinfestation prevention methods
 - a. What methods do you intend to employ to prevent reinfestation?
 - b. Examples: monitoring and removal, establishment of native species, regular mechanical/chemical treatments, etc.
6. Estimated costs to implement project
 - a. Please ask your contractor to supply a statement of work, estimated bill of materials, written estimate, or other sufficient documentation
 - b. If self-performing, please provide a reasonable estimate of the costs to perform treatments and break down costs by materials, labor, etc.
7. Any other relevant information you wish the program managers to consider

Treatment funding is available through a competitive application process. Once received, your application will be ranked using the Invasive Plant Management Program manual.

If approved for treatment funding, you may be required to submit follow up information at the request of program managers. Any approved treatments will require Maine Forest Service staff to conduct an on-site inspection prior to beginning any treatment work. Once the treatment work is completed, an on-site post-treatment inspection is also required.

In all cases, Maine Forest Service reserves the right to request additional documentation.

Questions? Please contact the Maine Forest Service at forestinfo@maine.gov or (207) 287-2791.