

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) has developed the Neighbourhood Invasive Plant Program to provide landowners/occupiers with the guidance, resources and in some cases financial support to manage priority invasive plants on private lands. However, this program is not intended to fund property owners' ongoing legal obligation to control invasive plants as required under the provincial *Weed Control Act*. Please fill in this form as the first step in applying to the program.

The Program provides five unique program options to support private landowners/occupiers including:

- 1) **Sprayer Loan Out** - Backpack sprayers are loaned out to treat invasive plant species on private land. A \$100 cash damage deposit (fully refundable) is required for use of equipment. Landowners/occupiers are responsible for the purchase and application of herbicide. This service is offered annually to all applicants.
- 2) **New Invader Rebate*** - Landowners/occupiers who have new invasive plant species as identified on the East Kootenay Invasive Species Council's (EKISC) Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) list can apply to be reimbursed 100% of the treatment costs incurred from hiring a licensed herbicide applicator or from the purchase of herbicide. This rebate is offered for the initial year of treatment.
- 3) **Cost Share Rebate*** - Landowners/occupiers that have priority invasive plant species can apply to be reimbursed 50% of the treatment costs incurred from hiring a contractor (herbicide treatment, goats, etc.) or from the purchase of invasive plant control equipment (backpack sprayer etc.) up to a maximum of \$500. This rebate is offered to new applicants for the initial year of treatment.
- 4) **Herbicide Rebate*** - Landowners/occupiers can apply to be reimbursed 50% of herbicide purchase, up to a maximum of \$500, provided priority invasive plant species are being treated. This rebate is offered to new applicants for the initial year of treatment.
- 5) **Guidance/Resources** - All landowners/occupiers are eligible to receive a free on-site inspection and invasive plant management plan. Printed materials are also provided. This service is offered annually to all applicants (subject to the RDEK Recreation and Control Services Supervisors' availability).

*See Priority Invasive Plant Species and EDRR Lists at <http://ekisc.com/>

Please note the following program conditions and limitations:

- You own, occupy or manage a parcel of private land.
- You have completed the application form.
- You have priority invasive plant species as identified by the RDEK and EKISC.
- You do not have the ability to 'write off' Cost Share or Herbicide Rebate treatment costs for tax purposes.
- Only one Cost Share or Herbicide Rebate per applicant.
- New Invader herbicide treatment contractor must be licensed and provide a herbicide treatment information sheet.
- All rebates require a site visit (subject to the RDEK Recreation and Control Services Supervisors' availability).
- All rebates require approval before work is initiated. Successful applicants must provide a photocopy of the contractor invoice, equipment or herbicide receipt.

Eligibility for the program is contingent upon completion of application form, participating in a site visit and is subject to funding availability and the ability to meet program criterion. The completion of this form does not guarantee funding. Funds are limited each year. RDEK reserves the right to enter said lands and inspect the work to verify its accuracy and completeness. RDEK shall not be involved in laying out treatment areas, selecting a contractor, selecting herbicide, applying herbicide or other matters of operational nature. The landowner/occupier is solely responsible for all work completed.

APPLICATION

I am applying to the following program option(s): Guidance/Resources (Site Inspection/Management Plan)
 Sprayer Loan Out New Invader Rebate Cost Share Rebate Herbicide Rebate

Please indicate if you have previously applied to the program: Yes No

If you have received assistance previously through the program, describe how you are carrying out your invasive plant management plan and how many years of treatments may remain:

Landowner/Occupier Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Site Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Municipality/Electoral Area: _____

Land use (circle one): Agriculture / Residential / Commercial / Pasture Non-crop / Recreational

Location of domestic water supply: _____

Property size: _____ acres/ha (circle one)

Total estimated area of invasive plant infestation: _____ m²/acres/ha (circle one)

Invasive plant species present (if known): _____

I have read and agree to the conditions and certify that all information provided is correct**

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**If signing on behalf of the landowner (i.e. you are a leasee, renter or land manager), your signature indicates that you have received permission from the landowner to apply and participate in the program.

Personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of section 26 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)* and will be used by the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) for evaluation of this application and administration of the program. Disclosure of personal information by the RDEK is subject to the requirements of *FOIPPA*. For questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information by the RDEK, contact: Corporate Officer, RDEK, 19-24th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC, V1C 3H8, 250-489-2791.

Completed forms can be faxed, emailed, mailed or hand delivered to:

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