



Teasel Removal Guidelines

Long Grove Conservancy & Scenic Corridor Committee - updated 2024

What is teasel?

Teasel is a highly invasive plant that is rapidly spreading along our roadsides. Each teasel plant releases over 2,000 seeds, overwhelming and displacing native plants that support our wildlife and enhance the beauty of our Village. This leads to expansive fields dominated by teasel, which disrupts the local environment, harms wildlife, and degrades our visual landscape.

What does it look like?

Teasel Rosettes



Teasel Stalks



Native Grasses



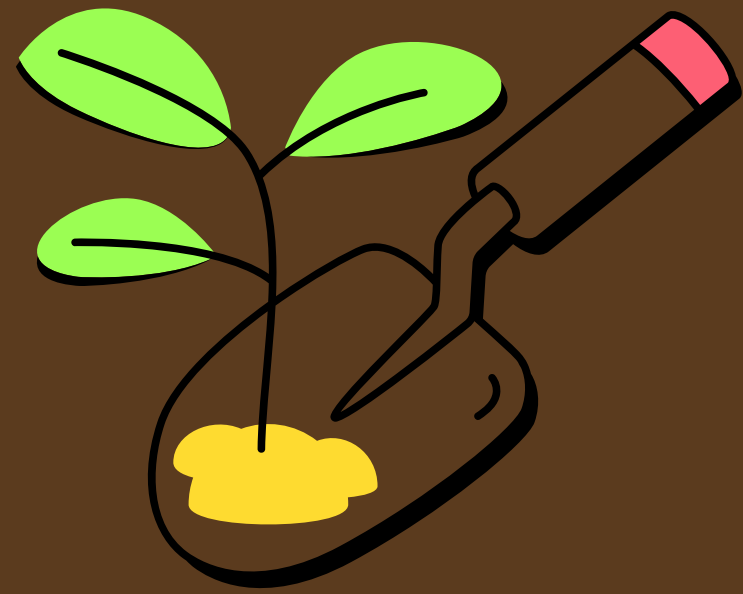
How do we control it?

Early spring is the best time to tackle teasel. The rosettes remain active during winter and can be treated as soon as temperatures rise above freezing. They're easy to spot since other plants haven't started to grow yet.

Here's how you can help:



1. Spray teasel rosettes with a broadleaf herbicide like 2,4-D from your local home center, hardware store, or garden center. This will kill the roots.



2. Dig out young rosettes when the soil is moist using a **long dandelion wrench**. Ensure you remove the entire root and bag it securely for disposal.



3. Cut existing teasel stalks at ground level and bag them securely for disposal since they can contain seeds. Spray the remaining stalk stump with a broadleaf herbicide to prevent regrowth.



4. Plant native grasses or flowers after removing teasel to prevent it from returning.