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# A GUIDE TO WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS

FOR LANDOWNERS IN THE  
THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT  
AND SELECT MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES

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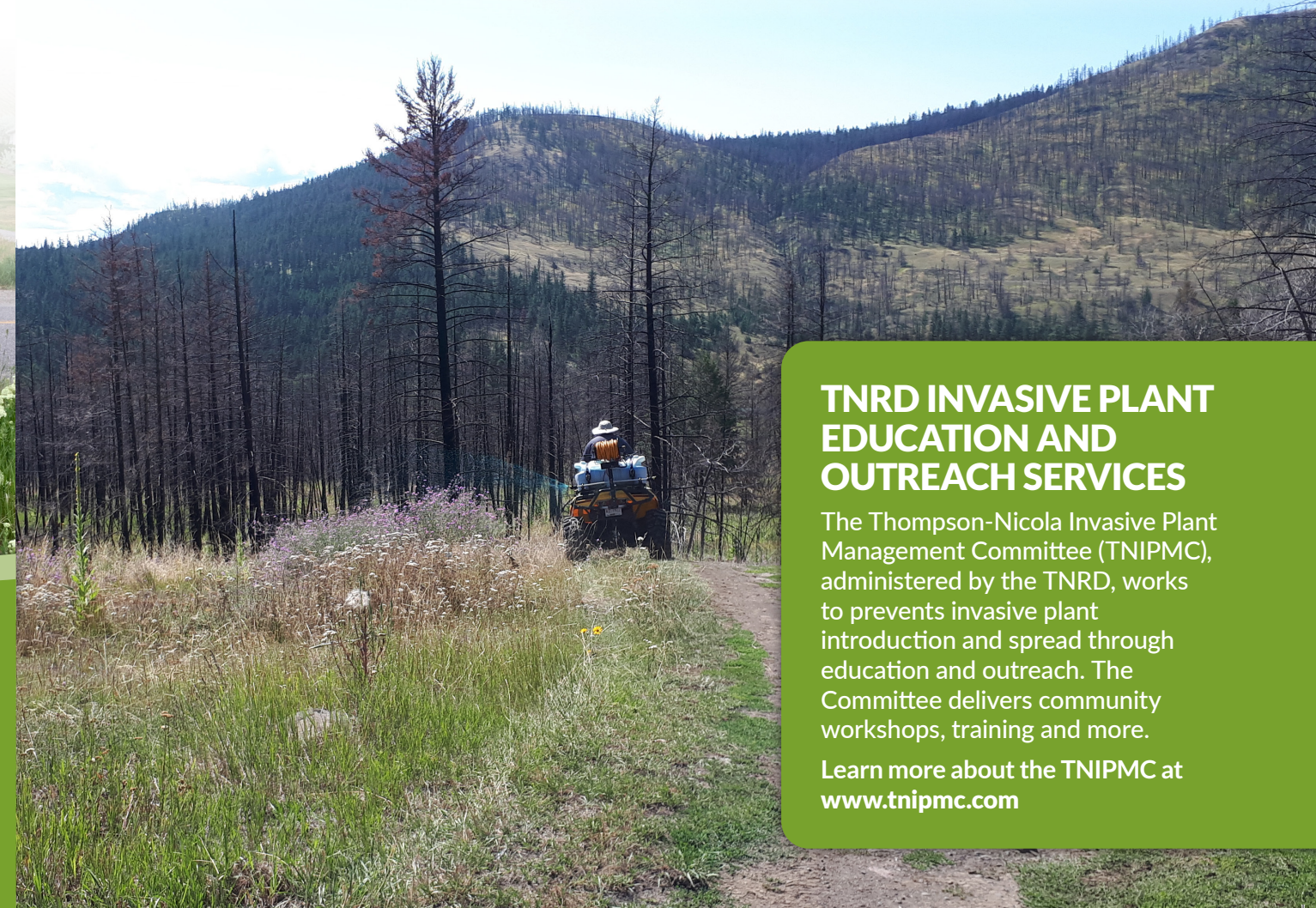


## ABOUT THE TNRD'S INVASIVE PLANT PROGRAM

For more information on the TNRD  
Invasive Plant Programs and to access  
program forms, visit [www.tnrd.ca](http://www.tnrd.ca).

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) offers a suite of weed control programs for landowners. These programs are designed to help residents protect their land values from the impacts of invasive plants and noxious weeds. The programs can be combined to develop and administer effective and affordable weed management on private land. These programs are available to TNRD residents and residents of the following municipalities:

- City of Merritt
- District of Clearwater
- District of Logan Lake
- Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality
- Village of Clinton



## TNRD INVASIVE PLANT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SERVICES

The Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee (TNIPMC), administered by the TNRD, works to prevent invasive plant introduction and spread through education and outreach. The Committee delivers community workshops, training and more.

Learn more about the TNIPMC at  
[www.tnipmc.com](http://www.tnipmc.com)



# AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

## NEW INVADERS PROGRAM

New invaders are invasive plants that have limited populations within the TNRD, or are threatening TNRD borders. These plants are a top priority for treatment and monitoring. The goal is to eradicate New Invaders before they spread further. The TNRD will cover UP TO 100% of the cost of invasive plant control by a licensed contractor using herbicide.

### How to Apply

- Ensure the invasive plant in question is on the New Invader Program eligibility list.
- Make arrangements with a pre-approved contractor and request a quote to treat the New Invader.
- Complete the program Application Form and submit it, along with the quote to treat from the contractor, for pre-approval.
- Once approved by the TNRD, the contractor can carry out management activities.

If you spot a plant that is on the New Invader list, report it immediately:

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- Email: [invasiveplants@tnrd.ca](mailto:invasiveplants@tnrd.ca)

## NEW INVADERS!



Common bugloss



Bighead knapweed



Teasel



Himalayan balsam



Himalayan blackberry



Puncturevine



Japanese knotweed



Perennial pepperweed



Black henbane

## 50% COST SHARE PROGRAM

The TNRD will rebate landowners up to 50% of the cost to control select invasive plants by a licensed contractor using herbicide on their private land. Rebate limits are as follows:

- 160 acres (65 Ha) OR LESS qualify for a maximum rebate of \$1,500.
- OVER 160 acres (65 Ha) qualify for a maximum rebate of \$3,000.

### How To Apply

- Ensure the invasive plant in question is on the 50% Cost Share Program eligibility list.
- Make arrangements with a pre-approved contractor to carry out management activities and pay for their services.
- Submit the following to the TNRD for reimbursement:
  - Completed 50% Cost Share Application Form
  - A copy of the treatment invoice
  - Herbicide treatment day sheet and treatment map



## SPRAYER LOAN-OUT PROGRAM

The TNRD has a variety of equipment available to assist with invasive plant control on private land. This equipment is available for loan-out, FREE of charge. The sprayer fleet includes back pack sprayers, ATV, truck and tractor mounted sprayers and seed and fertilizer spreaders.

### How To Apply

Call Purity Feed at 250-372-2233 to inquire about herbicide options, equipment availability, and to book your equipment loan-out



## PRIVATE LAND CONSULTATIONS

The TNRD has partnered with invasive plant specialists to provide FREE private land consultations. Experts will visit your property and provide specialized advice on weed management strategies.

### How To Book

Call Purity Feed at 250-372-2233 to book a private land consultation.

# HERBICIDE FREE OPTION



## BIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROGRAM

Biological control is a long-term control strategy where insects are used to decrease plant integrity and limit seed production. The TNRD will provide select biological control agents, FREE of charge, to assist in long-term control of invasive plants on private lands. Insects will be made available upon a first come first serve basis and upon insect availability.

### How to Apply

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- Phone: 1-877-377-8673

## PREVENTION TIPS

Prevent the need for invasive plant control by carrying out these simple actions!

- Monitor your property regularly for invasive plants and manage new invasive plant occurrences immediately.
- Maintain healthy soils by regularly testing your soils for nutrient content, composition, pH and amending as needed.
- Seed bare or disturbed ground on your property with certified seed.
- Avoid over-grazing by practicing rotation to allow desirable plant recovery.
- Purchase locally sourced weed free hay.
- Inspect and remove plant parts from boots, gear, pets & vehicles before entering & leaving an area.
- Be PlantWise! Choose non-invasive plants for your garden and check wildflower seed packages for invasive plants.