



Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*)



Myrtle Spurge		A-Rated **Eradication Required**	
General	Spurge family (Euphorbiaceae) Introduced from Mediterranean region Has been sold as an ornamental but no longer available in Colorado All parts are poisonous Sap may cause burns or irritation to skin		
Common names	Myrtle spurge, creeping spurge, donkey tail spurge		
Habitat	Perennial forb Prefers light, well drained soil. Found in gardens, natural areas, rocky slopes		
PLANT			
Vegetation	Stems unbranched, trail over ground; 8 in. tall Leaves are alternate; egg-shaped to circular; surrounding the stem Blue-green leaves. Foliage dies back in winter.		
Roots	Tap root		
Flower	Flowers in the spring. Inconspicuous surrounded by greenish yellow bracts		
Seedling	Rosette		
Reproduction	Seed Vegetation fragments		
CONTROL			
BIOLOGICAL	N/A		
CHEMICAL	Foliage	2,4-D Dicamba Glyphosate (i.e.: RoundUp)	When actively growing
CULTURAL	Prevention. Removal - Wear protective clothing (long sleeves, long pants, gloves)		



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MECHANICAL	
Burning	N/A
Grazing	N/A
Mowing	Not recommended -Will spread seed

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