

# MEMORANDUM

To: All Meadows-Ferndale HOA (MFHOA) Owners and Residents  
From: MFHOA Board of Directors  
Date: July 26, 2021  
Subject: GOATSRUE: INVASIVE AND NOXIOUS WEED  
Att: Whatcom County Noxious Weed Alert

The attached flyer is an alert from the Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board. It is forwarded for your information and action, if and as needed.

I have contacted the three organizations that participate in the management and maintenance of the landscaping in our community. This includes the areas inside and outside the Native Growth Protection Areas. They have stated that they will be vigilant and take the necessary steps to identify and, where necessary, initiate steps to prevent or curtail damage from the Goatsrue. But remember: the burden of action is on homeowners for their own lots.

I have also contacted the Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board to clarify expectations for individual property owners. Their answer is that if you discover any Goatsrue on your property, you should report it by phone to the number in the attachment. They suggest that you NOT try to remove or kill it since it has a deep tap (central) root and it would likely grow back. They may want to come for an in-person examination of the weed, or they may want photographs. The appropriate path forward can be decided during your phone call.

Remember also, that there are a lot of "look-alikes", so professional help is recommended for the identification and subsequent action related to this alert.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

*Chuck Millard*

**President  
Meadows-Ferndale HOA**