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THE
SCOURGE
OF SPURGE
LAUREL

DEAR ISLAND NEIGHBOR,

Have you seen this plant around your property? While it may be nice to look at, spurge laurel (*Daphne laureola*) can take over forest understories, choking out native plants. It is especially threatening to Garry oak ecosystems and Douglas-fir/madrone forests, and it's toxic to humans and livestock. Easily recognized by its waxy, dark green leaves, fragrant yellow-green flowers, and blue-black berries, spurge laurel typically grows two to four feet tall.

If you have this plant on your property, please remove it! Small plants can be pulled by hand, but larger plants may require a weed wrench.



The sap, bark, and leaves of spurge laurel can cause severe irritation to the skin and eyes. Wear gloves, eye protection, long sleeves, and pants.

Do not burn spurge laurel or transport it inside the cab of a vehicle, as it can be irritating to the respiratory tract.

For more information contact your Stewardship Team at 360-317-1180.
WA State Noxious Weed Control Board Spurge Laurel web page:
nwcb.wa.gov/weeds/spurge-laurel

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