

Weed Warriors Now At Broadmead



Weed Warriors are nature stewards, focusing on protecting native ecosystems by removing non-native, invasive plant species. A volunteer program created in 1999 in Montgomery County, MD to empower community members to help Park staff manage invasive plants.

This year at Broadmead, the Weed Warrior initiative will focus on Canada Thistle and Japanese's Stilt Grass. Trained volunteers will improve areas of our campus, alongside accessible areas of Copper Beech Lane. Workdays are scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month: May 16, June 20, July 18, September 19...

Stiltgrass Management Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Preemergence herbicide												
Germination												
Late preemergence herbicide												
Postemergence herbicide												
Pulling, cutting												
Flowering & seed ripening												

Adapted from Penn State Extension's Stiltgrass Management Calendar

Stiltgrass in Shade Stiltgrass in Sun



Stiltgrass in shade



Shorter, higher lateral spread



More competitive



Less seed production

Stiltgrass in sun



Taller, lower lateral spread



Less competitive



More seed production

Canada Thistle (5 stages of Growth)



Stages of Canada thistle: a) young plant (rosette) b) mature plant c) buds d) flower e) seed heads

References

Maryland Department of Agriculture: mda.maryland.gov > Documents > Canada Thistle Fact Sheet
University of Maryland Extension>Home and Garden Information/resources>Maryland Native Plant Guide Piedmont Region

Penn State Extension> Articles>Japanese Stilt Grass Article

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping

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