

# Identifying Leafy Spurge

## What does it look like?

- Yellow-green in colour
- Heart-shaped flower head with two seedpods in the middle
- Sticky white latex in all parts of the plant
- Has an extensive root system, growing to 4 metres deep

## Where is it found?

- Pastures and hay lands; roadside ditches; construction sites; gravel pits; rights-of-way; nature lands

## Why is it big trouble?

- Crowds out desirable vegetation, reducing grazing capacity
- Toxic to cattle and horses
- Root fragments as small as 1/2 inch long and 1/10 inch in diameter can form a new plant
- Produces lots of seeds and ejects them up to 3 metres
- Seed remains viable in the soil for many years



Leafy spurge costs Manitobans over \$20 million a year

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