WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT
HAZARDOUS PLANTS IN TORONTO

PLANTS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Cow Parsnip  Poison Ivy  Wild Parsnip  Giant Hogweed
Native perennial  Native perennial  Invasive biennial  Invasive biennial

Sap can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe dermatitis
Can cause skin irritation and inflammation resulting in blistering and intense itchiness
Sap can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe dermatitis
Sap can increase skin sensitivity to sunlight and cause severe dermatitis or blindness

EXPOSURE PROTECTION

Thoroughly wash clothing and equipment after hiking
If skin is exposed, wash it immediately with cool soapy water. See a doctor if you experience any burns
Wear long pants, a long-sleeve shirt, and closed-toed shoes to prevent exposure to skin

STAYING ON MAINTAINED TRAILS IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION FROM HAZARDOUS PLANTS

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you are concerned about a hazardous plant on City property, call 311 with the location and a description of the plant. You can also email 311@toronto.ca or tweet @311toronto with the location and a photo of the plant.