

You're Invited!

Myrtle Spurge is a harmful, noxious plant we need to eradicate. Please help!



Parks &
Public Lands

April 22, 2017

"Purge Your Spurge" Day

and National Earth Day

*A friendly competition between
Community Councils and Partners in Salt Lake City*

What is Myrtle Spurge?

Myrtle Spurge (Class 2 Noxious Weed of Salt Lake County) grows in large, scattered colonies on our Open Space of Salt Lake City. So we are getting ready to start the yearly purge! This specific time of year is very significant to the plant's reproduction. We must dig up these plants before their "flowers" (actually colorful bracts) produce seeds very soon. These seeds spread easily and this plant out-competes native species.



Please check out our fact sheet about Myrtle Spurge [HERE](#)

How does the friendly competition work?



We will compare overall weights of Myrtle Spurge collected and bagged by each group. The winning Group will be given the annual title of "Top Myrtle Spurge Purger 2017" and some lucky group participants will receive prizes!

"Top Myrtle Spurge Purger" for 2016 went to the East Bench Community Council with 973 lbs of Spurge pulled.

Who will take the Title this year?

What will I need to bring/wear?

- You will need to wear long pants and long sleeved shirts, no open toed shoes and bring a shovel, re-fillable water bottle and snack if needed.
- Rubber (inexpensive dishwashing type) gloves are required when pulling spurge, bring your own from home, if you can. Or a pair will be provided.
- Due to the nature of Myrtle Spurge, no one under 12 will be able to participate in this event and a parent or guardian must accompany the older child.
- Did we mention to bring a shovel?

When?

Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:30 am to 12 pm

Where?

Each partner has been assigned an Open Space that is within your community or as close as possible. Your exact location can be found when registering for the event

[HERE](#) or . . . with the University of Utah's Bennion Center? click [HERE](#)



Don't see your Community Council listed?

Adopt one for the day or . . . watch for our Puncturevine Power Pluck happening this summer!

When traveling please make note of road closures the same day due to the SL Marathon.

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