

## How does the BC EDRR Program Work?

The following is a summary of how the EDRR Program works:

### START

#### Step 1 – Early Detection

1. Unknown species found.
2. Species identified (if possible) and [reported](#).
3. Provincial government invasive plant specialist determines if species is new or existing in BC.
4. New species are reported to the BC EDRR Coordinator.

#### Step 2 – Identification

5. Species identification confirmed by BC EDRR Coordinator in partnership with the Royal BC Museum and, if needed, a botanical network of specialists from the Pacific Northwest.

#### Step 3 – Alert Screening

6. Provincial government contains new species sites to prevent spread.
7. If species regulated by the federal Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), EDRR coordination is transferred to that agency and BC participates as a stakeholder.
8. If species is not regulated by CFIA, the BC EDRR Coordinator completes coarse screening.
9. Site habitat is assessed and the local extent of the infestation is determined.
10. Provincial government contains new species sites to prevent spread.
11. BC EDRR Advisory, with support from the Coordinator, determines if species is or should be prohibited in BC.

#### Step 4 - Risk Assessment

12. Species risk is assessed and rated by the BC EDRR Advisory, with support from the Coordinator.
 

(Note: Many prohibited weeds will have risk assessments completed prior to their first detection in BC.)
13. High and medium risk species are contained by the provincial government to prevent spread.

#### Step 5 – Rapid Response

14. BC EDRR Coordinator, with support from subject experts, develops a rapid response plan.
15. Treatment permits are obtained.
16. Treatments are completed.



**Step 6 – Monitor & Reassess**

17. Treatments are evaluated for efficacy.

18. Response is adjusted.

19. Annual report is completed and data entered into provincial database and mapping application.

20. Monitoring plan is developed for eradicate species. Note: It may take several years before eradication can be achieved for some species.

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