



## Manual giant hogweed auger

Giant hogweed is spreading in rural areas and is increasingly seen as a problem, partly due to the harmful effect of the toxic substance in the sap of the plant on the skin and eyes. The giant hogweed has been on the European Union's list of invasive species since August 2017. In all countries of the European Union, control of the giant hogweed is mandatory and its trade is prohibited. The plant is controlled by mowing, grazing, and hoeing in combination with the giant hogweed auger.

The giant hogweed auger removes the roots of the giant hogweed, preventing the plant from germinating again.

### Safety



**Use protective clothing when removing the giant hogweed. This includes wearing gloves, long trousers, and long sleeves. Many people are sensitive to the toxic substance of the giant hogweed.**

### Working method



**For effective control, it is advisable to remove the roots from the non-flowering specimens both in the spring before flowering and in the autumn.**

1. Remove the aboveground growth of the young plant with a hoe.
2. Place the giant hogweed auger on the soil (root in the middle of the cylinder) and press the auger slightly into the soil.
3. Rotate the auger clockwise into the soil (approximately 15 cm).
4. Pull the auger out of the soil.
5. Using a spatula, remove the soil and roots through the open space on the side of the cylinder.
6. Check the borehole for root remnants and repeat steps 2 to 5 if necessary.

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