

## WEED CONTROL CLASS 4 MANAGEMENT PLAN

The control objective for weed control class 4 is to minimise the negative impact of those plants on the economy, community or environment of NSW.

**NAME OF WEED: Privet**

**Common names:** Broad-leaf Privet  
Small-leaf Privet

**Scientific names:** *Ligustrum lucidum*  
*Ligustrum sinense*

The above mentioned weed is a noxious weed declared under section 7 of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.

**AREA OF OPERATION & PHONE NUMBERS FOR LOCAL CONTROL AUTHORITIES:**

Pittwater Council LGA

Phone number 9970 1111

**PLAN PERIOD**

**Starting date:** 1st March 2006

**Completion date:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
(Unless otherwise revoked)

**CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE WEED AS PER ORDER 19**

Class 4: The growth and spread of the plant must be controlled according to the measures specified in a management plan published by the local control authority and the plant may not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

**CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS WEED IN THE AREA OF OPERATION**

For small infestations (<20 plants greater than 4 metres in height or 150mm in diameter at breast height) on privately owned land, unless maintained as a formal hedge where all flowering and fruiting is prevented, **then Council will assess whether total removal is required.**

For large infestations, the plants must be prevented from flowering and fruiting and the spatial extent must be reduced by a minimum of 25% annually.

On publicly owned or managed land, the weed will be strategically controlled and reduced according to available resources.

**Note:** The above control requirements will normally be met through applying the following control measures.

**Manual control.**

Small plants (<3 cm trunk diameter) can be hand pulled without breaking the root system. Assist the plant by handling the plant at the base and using a garden fork or knife to slowly pry out of the ground. Uprooted plants should be placed upside-down with their roots in the air, to dry out.

Saplings (<5 cm trunk diameter) can be removed by removing all branches and leaving a 1m high stump. Using either a mattock or spade chop into the lateral / tap roots and leaver out the stump. Roots remaining in the soil do not need to be removed as they do not sucker.

**Herbicide control.**

Trees (>5 cm trunk diameter) can be drilled/frilled or cut and painted with a registered herbicide. Herbicide should be applied within 30 seconds of making the cut to ensure maximum intake by the plant. Ringbarking has proven to be ineffective. Follow-up control may be necessary.

Use a registered herbicide. Spraying of the plant is often less effective than manual methods.

General information on control methods for this weed can be found in the most recent edition of the annual *Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook* [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au) or at [www.sydneyweeds.org.au](http://www.sydneyweeds.org.au)

**Before commencing any chemical control program contact your local council's weeds officer for advice tailored to your situation.**

**All herbicide use should be undertaken with a registered herbicide as specified on the herbicide product label or relevant off-label permit published by the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority.**

**LINKAGES TO OTHER PLANS, STRATEGIES (Local, Regional, State and National):**

Sydney North Regional Weeds Strategy (Sydney North committee only)

Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Weeds Strategy (currently being developed)

Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Weeds Strategy (currently being developed)

Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan

**SECTION 12 OBLIGATIONS (from the Noxious Weeds Act 1993)**

**Private occupiers of land must control noxious weeds on land.**

An occupier (other than a public authority or a local control authority) of land to which a weed control order applies must control noxious weeds on the land as required under the order.

Maximum penalty: 40 penalty units.

Note: If an occupier fails to comply with obligations under a weed control order, those obligations may be enforced against the owner of the land as well as the occupier by a weed control notice issued under section 18.

**PLAN ENDORSEMENT**

**This plan is endorsed by each Local Control Authority in the area of operation.**

**Ratified at the meeting of Pittwater Council, dated 17 September 2007.**

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