

Are these weeds affecting your health?



Broad-leaf Privet

Broad-leaf Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) and Narrow-leaf Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)

Privet pollen or perfume is highly allergenic and a major contributor to asthma, allergic reaction and hay fever. Privet poses a significant ecological threat to native plants and animals.

These legally restricted 'Garden Escapees' are affecting our health and devastating our natural bushland.



Asthma Weed (*Parietaria judaica*)

Asthma Weed is a serious noxious weed in the Sydney metropolitan region. Its pollen may trigger hay fever, conjunctivitis, skin rashes and asthma.



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Do you have Asthma Weed or Privet on your property?

If so these weeds can be removed by hand, or controlled with a herbicide. Personal protection is essential. Wear a long sleeved shirt and gloves to protect the skin from the plant's hairs; glasses and a mask as protection from inhalation of pollen.

What can you do to stop the spread of harmful weeds?

- Never dump garden waste in vacant land, roadsides or bushland. Instead please use Council's Waste Services on 1800 079 390.
- Avoid or remove garden plants that become environmental weeds in your area.
- Substitute these plants with Australian native plants. Native plants provide food and habitat for native wildlife, require less water and garden maintenance and protect soil and water quality.
- Manage garden plants so that they do not 'jump the fence'. You can reduce the opportunity of escapes through thoughtful disposal of seed heads, off shoots and cuttings.



Narrow-leaf Privet

Help protect our environment.

If you need more information about weeds in Sydney, visit www.sydneyweeds.org.au or contact Adam Ward, Council's Noxious Weeds Officer on 9562 1521 or email award@rockdale.nsw.gov.au