

Giant Hogweed has been discovered in the Township of Schleswig. To combat this dangerous invasive plant we are requesting property owners identify this plant before it goes to seed in July.

Three cases of a highly invasive Giant Hogweed have been reported in the vicinity of **West Washington Road and Mueller roads in the Town of Schleswig in 2009**, otherwise the only other known locations in Wisconsin are in Sheboygan and Iron County. Landowners have been treating their plants since 2009.



Picture of the plants found in the vicinity of West Washington Road in the Town of Schleswig

Plants grow from 7 to 20 ft. tall. Enormous leaves can be 5 ft. wide. Flowers are at top of stems are up to 2 ½ feet in diameter.



Do not touch this plant.

Sap from this plant is very toxic to the skin, especially when plants are in flower, July and early August.

Large, painful burns and blisters will occur if sap contacts the skin in the presence of sunlight. Eye exposure can lead to permanent loss of vision.

Blackening of the skin and severe scarring can result, and skin can remain sensitive to light up to seven years after exposure.