

Invasive/Exotic Weed Management



Using **Chemistry** in
Harmony
with **Nature.**

An invasive/exotic plant is a non-native plant in a specific region that demonstrates rapid growth which outcompetes and displaces existing native plants. Throughout the United States, these plants are becoming prevalent in our native landscapes and waterways. If not managed, these plants will displace not only our natural vegetation but the wildlife that depends on it as well. The damage to our natural ecosystems could be irreversible.

- Invasions of these plants are a great threat to native species
- These plants spread through seeds borne by water, wind or wildlife. Some also are carried through extensive and fast growing root systems.

NaturChem has aggressively developed programs to treat and manage these invasive plants. We have been successfully treating, eradicating and controlling Kudzu and many other invasive and exotic plants for many years. We have treated thousands of acres that now support desirable vegetation. We offer total eradication programs which feature continuing maintenance to ensure that re-sprouts never get the chance to get started.

Impact of Invasive/Exotics

- Habitat loss for native insects, birds, and other wildlife
- Food source loss for wildlife
- Reduction of biodiversity
- Reduces and/or eliminates localized or specialized native plant communities
- Kill desirable trees and shrubs
- Increase erosion along stream banks, shoreline, and roadsides
- Changes characteristics of soil structure and chemistry
- Potential quarantine situations to livestock and/or agricultural products



Invasive/Exotic Plants

- Cogongrass
- Melaleuca
- Japanese Climbing Fern
- Brazilian Pepper
- Air potato
- Mulberry
- Tropical Soda Apple
- Paragrass
- China Berry



Kudzu Control

In the South, Kudzu is a prolific growing vine that can be a tremendous nuisance. It was introduced in 1876 from Japan and the vine now covers more than 7,000,000 acres of land. The vine often grows a hundred feet a season and can kill valuable hardwoods and pines. NaturChem has been successfully treating Kudzu for many years. We have treated hundreds of acres that now support other desirable vegetation. Our program is a multi-year process with the goal of total eradication. A continuing maintenance program is offered to ensure that possible re-sprouts do not get started.

Clients Include:

- Homeowner Associations
- Private Land Owners
- State Parks
- Pipeline Companies
- Power Companies
- Paper Companies
- Phosphate Industry
- Government Agencies
- Agricultural Customers
- Property Managers
- Citrus Growers