

Suggested mowing times to prevent spreading of common ROW invasive plants and weeds in Southern Wisconsin

Emergence, flowering and seeding time will vary from year to year for most species. This chart just gives an average time. These times become later as you move north or for areas near the Great Lakes. Observe the plants in your area and, where possible, time mowing just before the target invasives are to flower or are in the early flowering stage to minimize seed production. Avoid mowing if seeds have already developed as this will spread the seeds."

Species	Month											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<i>Herbaceous Plants</i>												
Bird's foot trefoil				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Common tansy				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Common Teasels					+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW				
Crown vetch				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Dame's rocket				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Garlic mustard				++++ MOW ++++		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW						
Japanese knotweed				+++++++ MOW ++++++		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW			xxxxxx DO NOT MOW			
Leafy spurge				+++++++ MOW ++++++		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW						
Canada thistle				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Musk or nodding thistle				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Plumeless thistle				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Phragmites				+++++++ MOW ++++++						xxDO NOT MOWxx		
Purple loosestrife					+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW				
Reed canary grass				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Spotted knapweed				+++++++ MOW ++++++				xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW				
Sweet clovers				+++++++ MOW ++++++			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					
Wild parsnip					+++++ MOW +++++		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx DO NOT MOW					

*For all species-mow prior to flowering or earlier to minimize seed production. Do not mow at late flowering or when in seed as this will spread seed.

**Note that timing should be later in Northern Counties and near Lake Michigan

Suggested mowing times to prevent spreading of new ROW invasive plants^o in **Southern Wisconsin** (those to contain if found)

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Species	Month											
<i>Herbaceous Plants</i>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Black swallowwort				+++++	+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Chinese Isericea lespedeza				+++++	+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Cypress spurge				+++++	+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
European marsh thistle				+++++	+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Japanese hedgeparsley					+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Japanese hops						+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Japanese stilt grass							+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Giant hogweed					+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Hill mustard				+++++	+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Hound's tongue				+++++	+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Poison hemlock					+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Spreading hedgeparsley					+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Wild chervil					+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	
Yellow star thistle				+++++	+++++	+++++	+++++	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	

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^o These are invasive plants not yet common in Wisconsin and that need to be contained if found.