

Plant: Myrtle spurge (Euphorbia myrsinites)

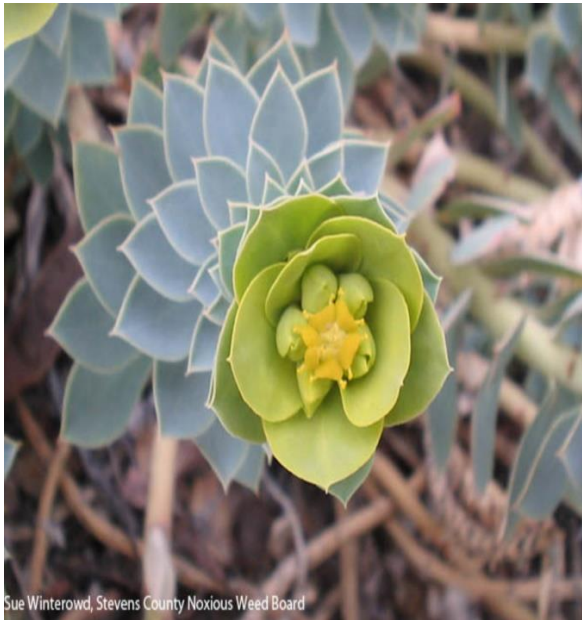
This is NOT a state listed noxious weed.

Identification: Myrtle spurge is a highly toxic perennial plant with blue/green leaves that alternate in a spiral pattern. The end of the leaves are yellow/green in color. It is a low growing plant that is usually found in garden beds and waste areas. Myrtle spurge spreads by small seeds that can be expelled up to 15 feet or by its root system.

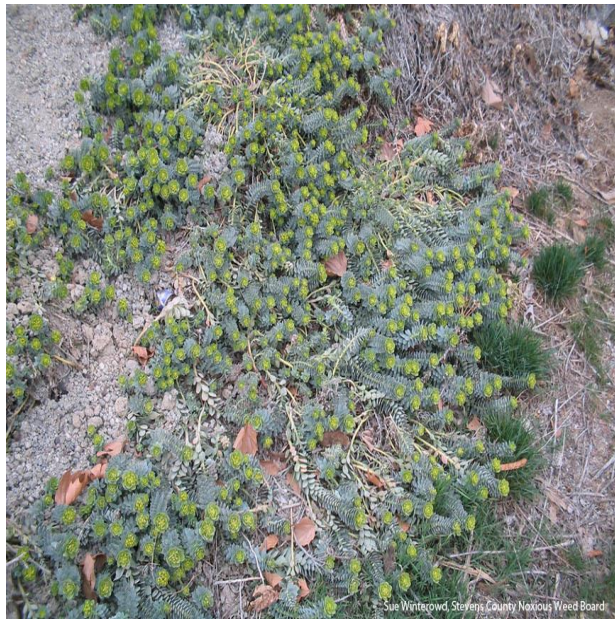
Defense: Like most perennial plants, chemicals are the best method of control. Sheep or goats are the only real form of mechanical control. Hand pulling isn't recommended.

Always read and understand the label and restrictions of any pesticide you are using.

The label is the law.



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