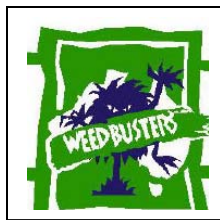


Weedbusting



Oregon



WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?



Weeds are plants that grow in the wrong place and need treatment to stop them from harming our environment.

Every year these pests damage our precious environment by smothering native plants. When this happens, many native animals are left without food or homes.



Weeds also cost American farmers billions of dollars by taking over our land and water. Some weeds can make people and animals sick.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP WEEDS?



- **Learn about weeds in your area**

Ask your parents, teachers, local government office for information – there's plenty of it! Surf the net for weedy websites.



- **Find out about the ways weeds can spread**

Use the pictures on the side of this fact sheet to give you a few clues. Can you think of other ways?



- **Spot weeds and tell people about them**

Check with an adult before you pull weeds. Some are poisonous, others will cut or spike your or give you a nasty rash!



- **Discuss weed problems with other people**

Mom and Dad may not realize weeds are a problem. Share information with other classmates about weed problems in and around your schoolyard.



- **Things your whole family can do to stop weeds:**

- Don't buy plants that are weeds
- Pull, bag, and burn weeds you find in your yard
- Don't carry seeds to new sites – wash vehicles and ATV's
- Walk on established trails
- Keep vehicles and ATV's out of weed patches

