



## Community Tool Shed Guidelines

The Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area has a variety of tools and materials to assist private and public entities with control of invasive species. We ask that you adhere to the following guidelines.

1. All tools must be checked out regardless of length of time and individual.
2. Disposable materials (i.e., gloves) are the responsibility of the user.
3. Tools must be returned in good working order and free of soil and plant material. We do not want to spread one problem plant to another area. If tools are inoperable, please notify staff when returning the equipment.
4. Herbicide must be applied according to the instructions provided on the label given with the herbicide. That includes recommended concentration and target plants. Please return these materials.
5. Herbicide containers must be triple rinsed and labeled as such when returned (use flagging or tape to label containers, please do not write directly on the container). Triple rinsing means filling the container to 10% of volume, shaking, and dispensing of contents at the site where herbicide was applied. Repeat this process **THREE TIMES**. Rinse water may not be dumped in public waterways or down the drain.
6. We strongly suggest that you familiarize your self with the operations of the backpack sprayer using water. Foliar applications require just enough coverage with a fine spray to make the leaves wet. Most people apply too much herbicide or use too heavy of a spray. It wastes herbicide and causes non target damage. Practicing with water helps correct that. **Proper application is the responsibility of the user.**

If you have any questions please email [info@northwoodscwma.org](mailto:info@northwoodscwma.org) or call Matt Bushman at 715-373-2667.