

City of Rockville, Maryland

**Rockville Weed Warrior Program (Pilot)**

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*Program Conditions*

1. The Certified Weed Warrior Leaders will be designated by the City of Rockville to serve as Designated Representatives to lead Rockville Weed Warrior Program workdays and act as the point of contact with the City. A Weed Warrior Leader must be an adult of 18 years or older and be present during all Rockville Weed Warrior Program activities. No more than three Weed Warrior Leaders will be designated at any given time.
2. The Certified Weed Warrior Leaders must complete a fingerprinting and background check by the City of Rockville prior to supervising volunteers.
3. The City of Rockville reserves the right to limit or deny permission to remove invasive species in a City of Rockville park and/or to deny the Certified Weed Warrior Leader status of any individual at any time.
4. **Obtaining Approval:** The Certified Weed Warrior Leader(s) shall obtain written approval from the appropriate Park Supervisor prior to removing invasive plant species in a City of Rockville park. Workdays shall only take place in pre-approved areas of a City of Rockville park and in accordance with any additional requirements outlined by the Park Supervisor.
5. **Scheduling Workdays:** The Certified Weed Warrior Leader(s) shall contact the City of Rockville at least two weeks prior to a scheduled workday. At that time, City staff will determine approval. No workday shall be advertised until approval is received.
6. Certified Weed Warrior Leader(s) will be provided an initial supply of high visibility safety vests, safety cones, signs and some tools by the City of Rockville. Additional supplies may be requested and provided at the discretion of the City of Rockville, if funds are available.
7. The Certified Weed Warrior Leader(s) are encouraged to survey park area and nearby streams for signs of pollution or illegal dumping and report this to the City. Citizen reporting is often the only way many of these infrequent illegal discharges can ever be discovered and stopped.
8. Individuals under 18 years of age can participate in a Rockville Weed Warrior Program workday if supervised by an adult. The City of Rockville requires one adult per six youth. Participants under 16 are not permitted to use tools and participants 14 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

9. The Certified Weed Warrior Leader(s) will ensure that collected invasive plant matter is stockpiled in a centralized location designated by the City of Rockville for subsequent removal by the City.
  
10. The City of Rockville is a pre-approved organization with Montgomery County Public Schools. Students participating in the Rockville Weed Warrior Program workdays may be eligible for Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Weed Warrior Leaders are considered authorized designees of the City of Rockville for the purposes of supervision and SSL hour verification at Rockville Weed Warrior Program workdays and agree to follow all MCPS SSL guidelines. Certified Weed Warrior Leaders shall provide verification of SSL hours for students at the completion of the eligible activity.