

## INFORMATION ON RAGWEED

### DISCRIPTION

Ragweed is a widespread weed in Québec. It is present from May to October and dies at the first frost in the fall. In mid-July, ragweed begins to bloom and produce pollen. The pollen travels through air in a fine dust and causes allergic reactions in people who are sensitive to it. Ragweed mostly grows in poor soil. It is mainly found in the following areas:

- Along streets and sidewalks
- On the side of paved roads
- On vacant lots
- On lands under construction
- On industrial lands
- On lands that serve as snow dumps



### LIMITING THE PRESENCE OF RAGWEED ON YOUR PROPERTIES

Pollen from ragweed is the main cause of seasonal rhinitis

The best way to reduce the impact of ragweed is by eliminating it from your surroundings. To achieve this, you may do the following:

- Pull or mow the ragweed on your land;
- Prevent ragweed from growing.

### PULLING OR MOWING RAGWEED

#### For small land:

- On small land, such as a residential one, it is best to pull the ragweed as soon as you spot it.

#### For big land:

- For best results you can cut the plant with a lawnmower. To reduce the amount of pollen released as much as possible, mow ragweed twice a year, in mid-July and mid-August.

Pulling and mowing are 2 quick and effective ways to get rid of ragweed from your land.

You can throw the pulled or cut plants with the rest of your garbage. It is not recommended to put them in your compost as the ragweed seeds can contaminate it.

## PREVENTING RAGWEED FROM GROWING

Ragweed does not grow easily on healthy and fertile lawns. To limit the presence of ragweed, you can do the following:

- Use groundcover in places where there is no lawn;
- Improve soil quality with compost or fertilizer;
- Sow the land, or plant other vegetation.