

UPPER MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL

The noxious weeds control authority for the areas of Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney and Oberon Shire Councils and the Lithgow City Council



Broad leaf privet - flowers and leaves

PRIVET

**GOOD NEIGHBOURS
CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS!**



Narrow-leaf privet - berries

There are two species of Privet -

Broadleaf (*Ligustrum lucidum*)

Small leaf (*Ligustrum sinense*)

Both species produce white flowers at the ends of branches and black or blue-black berries.

Both are garden escapees which occur on the coast and tablelands of NSW, cause serious degradation of native bushland, and are suspected of being poisonous.

They can be a serious health problem. When privet is in flower it causes a lot of distress to people who suffer from asthma and hayfever.

Both species of privet are a Class 4 noxious weed within the area of Upper Macquarie County Council and the law requires that their growth and spread must be controlled in the manner set out on the right.



You must control privet growing on your land.

If you do not understand what is required, or if you require further information or assistance, please contact the Council on 63331375.

If you have been given this pamphlet by a Council Weeds Officer the officer will have written his or her name and contact telephone number below. Please contact the Weeds Officer if you require any further information.

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Weeds Officer

Telephone number

Prevention

All uninfested areas shall be kept clear of privet by the physical removal of isolated seedlings.

Areas adjoining privet trees and hedges are to be kept free of privet by physical removal of seedlings or by mowing.

Hedging

Privet hedges shall be maintained in a trim state and shall be pruned heavily as often as is necessary so as to prevent them producing flowers and fruit.

Pruning

Privet trees shall be pruned heavily as often as is necessary so as to prevent them producing flowers and fruit.

Herbicide control

Cut and paint. Where privet plants cannot be prevented from flowering and seeding by hedging or pruning they shall be cut off at the base close to the roots and a registered herbicide applied to the cut stem within 20 seconds of cutting.

Drill and inject. Alternatively, privet trees that cannot be prevented from flowering and seeding by pruning shall be treated by drilling a series of shallow holes 1cm deep into the trunk and by filling the holes within 20 seconds of drilling with a registered herbicide.

Physical control

Privet plants and trees may be physically removed by mechanical means so as to ensure that most roots are removed. Regrowth from root fragments and seed will occur so follow-up treatment by either further physical means or herbicide application must be undertaken.