

City of Portland
September 18, 2025 LMAC Waiver
Committee Agenda



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<https://portlandmaine-gov.zoom.us/j/83385266791?pwd=qN0EcsTfjbf8SvrNr6vthk0e2mLwRH.1>

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 3:00 PM

1. Waiver Committee Deliberation and Decision Regarding Application To Apply Pesticides at 28 Tremaine St
 - a. Waiver Request
2. Adjournment



LANDCARE ORDINANCE WAIVER APPLICATION

Landcare Management Advisory Committee (LMAC)

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Heather White

Address: 28 Tremaine St. Portland, ME 04103

Email Address: Hrwhite91@gmail.com

Telephone Number: 617-416-5853

Submission Date: 08/15/2025

I am a: Resident Landlord Business Municipality Landscape company

Are you a licensed commercial applicator? Yes No

REASON FOR REQUESTING THE USE OF A PROHIBITED FERTILIZER OR PESTICIDE:

- Is an emergency and threatens the public health and safety
- For the control of invasive plants that pose a threat to the environment (For a list of Maine Invasive Plants visit: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/invsheets.htm)
- Required to protect buildings or structures from damage
- Using a synthetic fertilizer on performance turf or for new development, with one or more the following conditions:
- I. The soil temperature is less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit and reasonable grounds exist to justify fertilizer use at that location and at that time;
 - II. The turf is experiencing high stress due to high use and must be ready for high performance play when the sports season(s) begin; or
 - III. A suitable organic product that meets the nutrient needs of the soil as specified in a soil test is unavailable.

Making the right pest identification is important and can be difficult. Resources for pest identification are available at: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/gotpests/invasive-pests.htm>. NOTE: Applications for poisonous plants such as poison ivy, pests of significant health importance such as ticks and mosquitos, and destructive pests such as carpenter ants and termites are exempted under the ordinance. No waiver is necessary to address these pests.

Please provide a detailed account of the problem you would like to address with the proposed fertilizer or pesticide application. Include photos of the problem/pest and of the extent of the problem (this may be number of pests or area covered):

We have Knotweed taking over on two sides of our property growing in and around our garage threatening structural integrity. Knotweed originated from a neighboring abandoned property, and, due to lack of property care, it has now spread onto ours. We have exhausted all other non-chemical attempts at treatment with no success. It now covers approx 80 sq ft. (and spreading) of our property. It is coming up through the garage floor/foundation. We are requesting to use glyphosate weed killer as a final means to protect our property.

What steps did you take to evaluate alternative methods to the proposed fertilizer or pesticide application, including but not limited to, non-fertilizer/pesticide management tactics, minimum risk fertilizers or pesticides, non-synthetic fertilizers or pesticides, and selecting the minimum amount of the least toxic, most effective fertilizer or pesticide necessary.

We have tried digging for removal, cutting, and smothering with landscaping fabric with no success. Knot weed has continued to spread. Our extensive research on the weed shows that glyphosate is the only true way to stop its growth/spread. (see town of lumberlands info packet).

PROJECT INFORMATION

What are you treating? Turf Shrubs Trees Invasive Weeds

Address of proposed application: 28 Tremaine Street, Portland, ME 04103

Please attach a map of the proposed application area (this may be a sketch, however it should be to scale and include property boundaries, structures, and water bodies).

Is this application within 75ft. of a waterbody? Yes No

Proposed fertilizer or pesticide:

round up with glyphosate

Amount to be applied: 1 quart

Method of application: Liquid Granular Injection/systemic Cut stem treatment

Proposed timing(s)/frequency of use: September - October 2025

Proposed date of application: 9/20 - 9/21

Please provide a detailed management plan for your proposed application, including how you will minimize the impact of this application on abutting properties and, to the maximum extent possible, ensure that the grant of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public's health, safety or welfare.

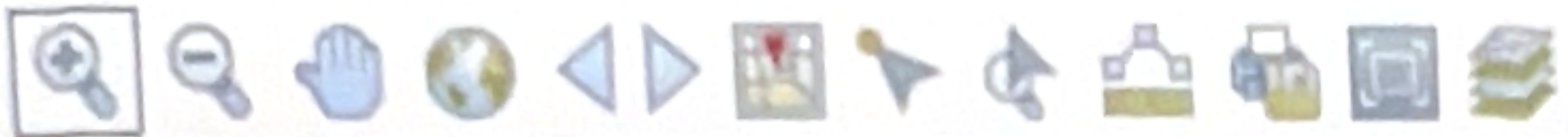
NOTE: the following applications are prohibited:

- Broadcast applications: the spreading of pesticides over an entire area
- Preemptive applications: the application of pesticides as a measure against something possible, anticipated or feared, i.e., as a preventive or deterrent measure

We plan to use a spray method. We will spray the leaves of the knotweed plants that are on our property, making note to stop on our property line. On a non windy day we will apply in the direction of our own property. We will apply during a dry period to avoid run off in anyway.

In order for the waiver to be considered, all of the fields above must be completed. For questions, please contact Troy Moon in the Sustainability Office at 207-756-8362.

Completed forms may be emailed to landcare@portlandmaine.gov, or mailed or delivered to City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101.



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