

Pine Island officials are warning residents about the sighting of poison hemlock within City, located along the bridge and ditches near 8th Street SE.

Residents are cautioned to avoid touching the toxic flowering weed and get immediate emergency help if it's ingested.

The City has reached out to the MN Dept. of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources to gain assistance in eradicating the noxious plant.

The state Department of Agriculture says all parts of the hemlock are poisonous, including the leaves, stem, flowers and roots.

The invasive plant is native to Europe and grows up to 8 feet tall. It has white umbrella-shaped flowers that cluster atop the stems and emits a wild carrot-like odor. It can be differentiated from other plants by its fern-like leaves and purple blotches on the stems.



