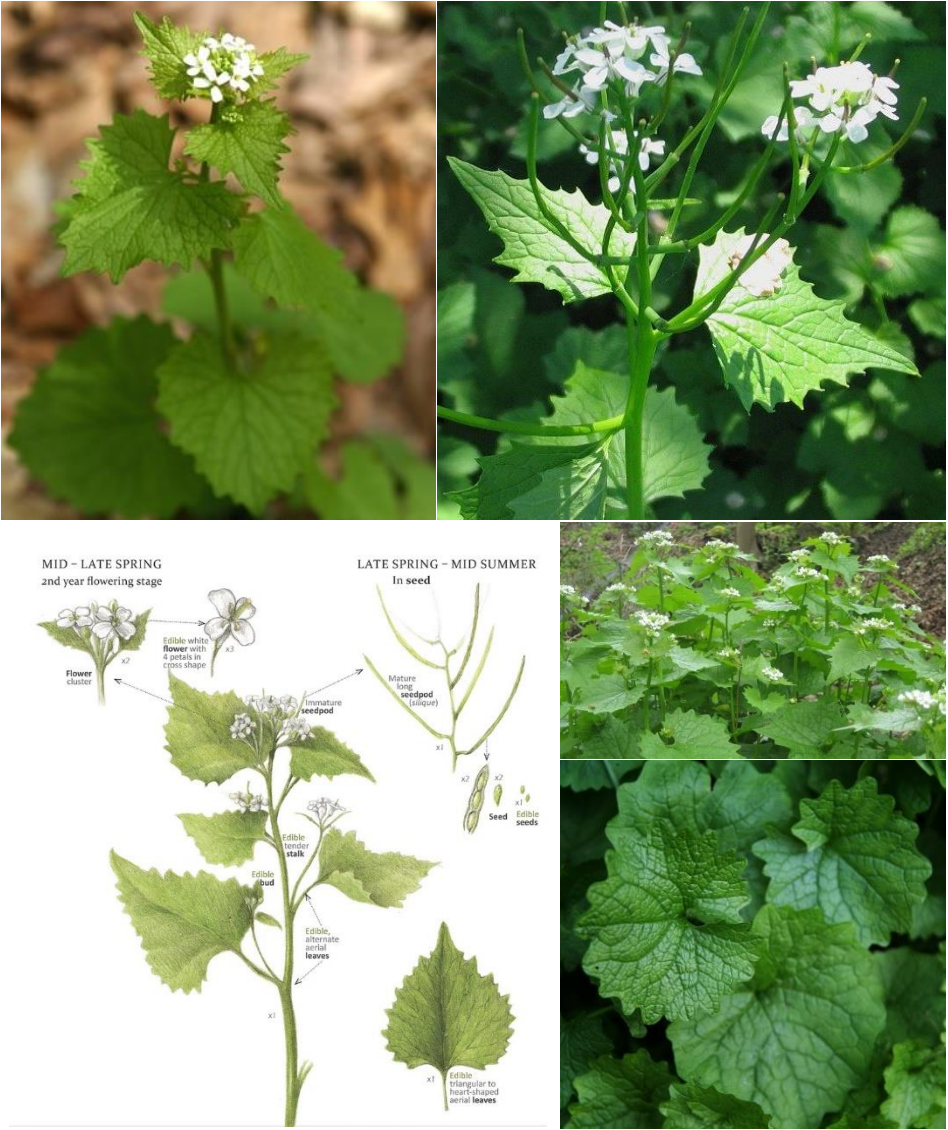




# Garlic Mustard Removal

<p><b>WHAT/WHY</b></p>	<p>Garlic mustard is a non-native plant that crowds out new growth of native plants and young trees.</p> <p>Garlic mustard should be removed BEFORE the spike-like seed pods turn from green to yellow (usually in mid-June) to avoid spreading the seeds. The best time for pulling starts in mid-May when plants are flowering.</p>
<p><b>TOOLS REQUIRED</b></p>	<p>Gloves, garbage bags (sturdy contractor bags are best)</p>
<p><b>HOW</b></p>	
<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p>Identify plant</p>
	 <p>The composite image illustrates the identification of Garlic Mustard. It features two photographs of the plant in its flowering stage, showing clusters of small white flowers. A detailed botanical diagram shows the plant's structure, including the flower cluster, immature seedpod, mature long seedpod (silique), and seed. The diagram also labels the edible tender stalk, edible alternate aerial leaves, and edible triangular to heart-shaped aerial leaves. The diagram is divided into two stages: MID - LATE SPRING (2nd year flowering stage) and LATE SPRING - MID SUMMER (In seed). Two additional photographs show the plant's leaves and seed pods in more detail.</p>

<p>2.</p>	<p>Grasp firmly at the root and pull the entire plant (roots and all) out of the ground. It is very important to get the roots if you can!</p>
	 A person wearing a dark blue jacket, a tan cap, and sunglasses is kneeling in a field of green plants. They are pulling a plant out of the ground by its roots. The ground is dark and appears to be soil.
<p>3.</p>	<p>Place in garbage bags. Plants will continue to grow if left out.</p>
	 A person wearing a dark jacket, a tan cap, and sunglasses is standing in a field of green plants. They are holding a black garbage bag and a plant. The background shows a line of trees.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Dispose of garbage bags in your own trash at home or at the closest landfill (La Crosse County landfill is located at 3240 Berlin Drive, La Crosse <a href="https://lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste/landfill/">https://lacrossecounty.org/solidwaste/landfill/</a>).</p>

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