GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BRUSH OFF.

Shoes can carry the seeds of invasive plants like garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*). Please brush them off before entering and leaving this area.

**What’s The Problem?**

Garlic mustard takes sunlight and food away from native species.

- Non-native seed and plant parts are carried from one place to another on our shoes, vehicle tires, by the wind and flowing water.
- Garlic mustard is a non-native invasive plant—one of many that were accidentally or intentionally introduced to Minnesota.

**Other Invasive Plants On The Move…**

- **Wild Parsnip** *(Pastinaca sativa)*
  - Wild parsnip sap can cause burns when it contacts skin in the presence of sunlight (phytophotodermatitis).

- **Leafy Spurge** *(Euphorbia Esula)*
  - Leafy spurge can displace native plants and reduce wildlife habitat. If present in a hayfield, the hay cannot be cut or moved.

- **Common buckthorn** *(Rhamnus cathartica)*
  - Common buckthorn leafs out early and retains leaves late into the fall creating dense shade that helps it to out-compete many native plants.