

MY VIEWS: Beware of devious poison ivy

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I've noticed more poison ivy this year than I recall in previous years. Maybe I am more observant or maybe the farm is just weedier! Either way it makes people nervous. I am not particularly allergic to this devious vine but Andy, my husband, will blister like being burned by fire whenever he comes into contact with it. When we first got sheep we learned an interesting

lesson: we were trimming sheep hooves (sheep will eat poison ivy with no ill effects) and Andy inadvertently kneeled in some manure as we set to the task. He ended up getting a poison ivy rash on his knee! We surmised that the ewe must have been chomping on poison ivy and it came out the other end.

I had a couple of fierce cases of poison ivy when I was little (you know the kind where your mother

turns you pink because she has smothered you in Calamine lotion). Apparently, it is not uncommon for people to cycle through allergic-not allergic a few times in their lifetime. So, just because nothing happened last week doesn't necessarily mean that I am immune forever. Point: always respect the vine.

Poison ivy is a perennial plant that causes over 2 million skin irritation cases in the U.S each

year. The plant contains an oil called urushiol that most humans are allergic to. All parts of the plant contain the oil; therefore, all parts of the plant are potential irritants: leaf, stem and roots. Because it is the oil that causes irritation or blistering you do

not necessarily have to come into contact with the plant. The oil can easily be transferred by clothing, pets, and tools or from another person onto your person! Even burning poison ivy is dangerous because the oil fumes in the smoke can be inhaled.

Typically, you find poison ivy along roadsides and fence lines but it is not exclusively a rural weed. Flower beds and home landscapes are not immune to this irritating vine. You will see it either

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<https://bcplanning6.wixsite.com/bullitt-county-pandz>
All interested citizens are urged to attend this hearing. All files may be reviewed at the Planning Commission office at 149 N. Walnut Street in Shepherdsville from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday.
John Miller, Chairman
Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission

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