

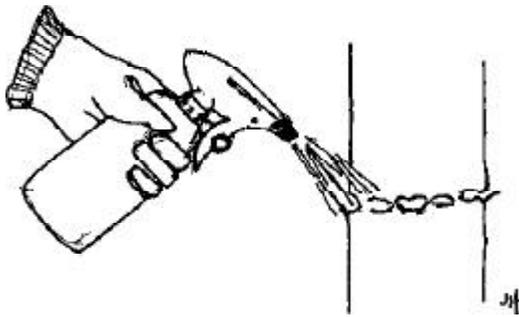
# CONTROL METHODS FOR MICONIA

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HELP STOP THE MICONIA INVASION ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII. FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS:

**MOST IMPORTANT** — REPORT YOUR INFESTATION TO THE HOTLINE. An accurate map of all infestations is critical to the successful control of this plant pest.

- BE SAFE! Call us for help if the terrain is dangerous or the plants just too numerous.
- THOROUGHLY CLEAN ALL EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR BEFORE LEAVING THE INFESTED AREA. Miconia seeds are tiny and are easily carried to new, uninfested areas.
- NEVER DUMP MICONIA PLANTS OR PARTS IN AN UNINFESTED AREA. Leave them to decompose in the contaminated area. Hang uprooted seedlings away from the soil and moist surfaces. They must dry out completely to die.



## TO CONTROL MICONIA ON YOUR OWN PROPERTY:

- SEEDLINGS AND SAPLINGS CAN EASILY BE PULLED UP BY HAND. They should be hung away from moist surfaces to dry out completely.
- FOR TREES THAT CAN'T BE PULLED UP EASILY, cut shallow notches, ½" deep with a machete or ax, into the bark completely around the trunk. Place the notches not more than a foot off the ground. The idea is to cut notches that will hold liquid herbicide. Spray or brush on enough undiluted Ortho-Brush-Be-Gon® to completely wet the notched bark. The herbicide will be taken up by the plant and kill the roots. This step is VERY important to prevent re-sprouting. This herbicide is approved for home and farm use, is safe if used according to instructions, and is available at most garden shops. After two months, the plant should be dead. If need be, renotch and apply another dose of herbicide.
- FLOWERING TREES MUST BE TREATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Stopping seed production and dispersal is key to controlling the infestation. Please report all flowering trees to our Miconia Control Field Team, We need to inspect the surrounding area for seedlings.
- REVISIT EVERY TREATED SITE at six month intervals to remove seedlings. The tiny seeds are viable for up to SIX YEARS in the soil. Keeping vigilant for at least a year insures you really eradicated the infestation.