

Creeping Charlie (Glechoma hederacea)



Creeping Charlie (aka ground ivy, creeping Jenny) is an herbaceous perennial plant that spreads by seed and by creeping stems (called stolons) that grow along the ground.

Identification

Creeping Charlie produces bright green, round or kidney-shaped leaves that have scalloped edges. The leaves are produced opposite each other on square (i.e., four-sided), creeping stems that root at the nodes. In spring, small, bluish-purple funnel-shaped flowers appear. When the plant is crushed, it produces a mint-like odor

Control Methods

The control method of choice in vegetable or flower gardens is frequent and persistent hand removal. Dispose of plants where they will not re-root.

Additional Information/Resources

- UW Extension Fact Sheet [XHT1170 Creeping Charlie](#)
- Dane County UW Extension Horticulture Hotline [608-224-3721](tel:608-224-3721) (M-F, 9 am-12 noon, April 15 – October 31) or horticulture@countyofdane.com