

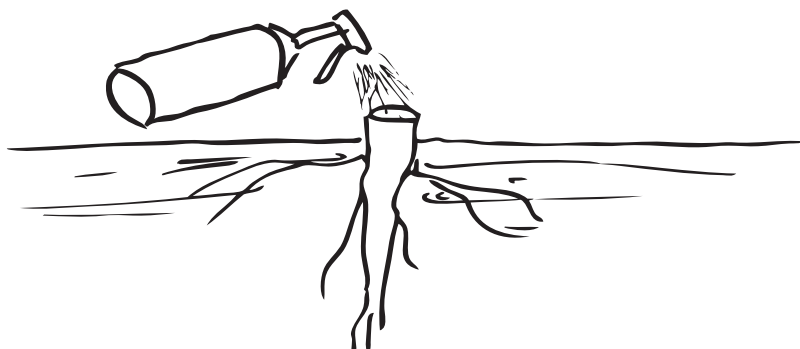
## Cut stump and poison

Most plants that are too large or strongly rooted to be pulled up can be controlled by cutting the stem off close to the ground and immediately poisoning the stump with an appropriate herbicide. If they are too large for this use the frill ringing technique described below.

- Prepare a fresh 50% dilution of commercial 36% glyphosate in clean tap water in a 500ml or 1 litre hand-held spray bottle and have it on the ground beside you before you cut the weed.
- If the plant is large or bushy cut off the top with loppers or a saw and move it away before attacking the base of the stem.
- Clear away any leaf litter from around the base of the plant to be controlled.
- Using long sharp loppers, an appropriate pruning or bushman type saw or a chainsaw rapidly cut the weed as low as you can – the lower the better both for effect and for safety (less to trip over next time.)
- Within 5 seconds of finishing the cut thoroughly wet the whole surface of the stump with several squirts of the herbicide. If you watch closely you will see the herbicide being drawn down into the stump by suction.
- Clear away the cut top of the plant into the area that you have already cleared. You may want to cut the debris up a bit. Both lantana and broad-leaved privet are quite soft-wooded and rot away within a few years.

A problem with cut stump treatment of larger woody weeds is that the debris lies on the ground, where it may take several years to rot away. This impedes movement through the area and weeds may grow up through the fallen material. Heavy loads of cut material may be stacked or windrowed to keep the area clearer.

Always wear gloves and safety goggles whilst cut stump and poisoning environmental weeds – your hands and eyes are more important than the weeds.



**Illustration 9** – Cut Stump