



BIOBARRIER®

## CONTROLLING FIELD HORSETAIL

### What is Field Horsetail?

Equisetum arvense, commonly known as Field Horsetail or Common Horsetail, is a rather bushy perennial with a rhizomatous stem formation native to the northern hemisphere. It is a particularly trouble-some weed due to its prolific rhizome and tuber system. These horsetails may have sterile or fertile stems. Sterile stems start to grow after the fertile stems have wilted. The sterile stems tend to be much taller and bushier, with the jointed segments being around one inch (2.5 cm) long with a diameter of about 1/20th of an inch (1 mm). These segments contain one set of whorled, slender, erect branches each. Some stems can have as many as 20 segments and be as tall as 2-24 inches (5 - 60 cm). The fertile stems tend to be half as tall as the sterile stems and also tend to be more succulent.



Sources:

- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equisetum\\_arvense](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equisetum_arvense)
- [http://128.104.239.6/uw\\_weeds/extension/articles/conhorsetail.htm](http://128.104.239.6/uw_weeds/extension/articles/conhorsetail.htm)

A gardener from the Granby, Quebec area was facing an invasion of "Field Horsetail" which he could not control. He contacted the landscaping architect "Les Paysages VerduRoy" for their expertise and recommendations on how to eliminate this weed. Without hesitation, Biobarrier was the recommended option.



Biobarrier's performance is guaranteed for 15 years, but expect this period to last 25 and perhaps 30 years.