Legal Status of Blackberries and Ivy

Unfortunately, there are no legal requirements for landowners to control blackberries and ivy because they are widespread in Snohomish County. Some cities or home associations can request owners to control, but in general, the Noxious Weed Program can only provide advice. Our resources are targeted on noxious weeds that can be prevented from spreading or eradicated.

Blackberries or invasive weeds growing in a Native Protection Growth Area (NGPA) can generally be removed, as long as the native vegetation and trees are undisturbed. For more information, please visit the Surface Water Management website: https://snohomishcountywa.gov/faq.aspx?TID=132