

## Cedar Edging—Recycling an aggressive species



**Grow Wild Vocabulary:**  
“*Green Glacier*” or  
“*Green Avalanche*”  
Eastern Red Cedar  
*Juniperus virginiana*

Placing  
leaves and  
lawn debris  
Fall/Winter to  
plant through  
in Fall or  
Spring

### eastern red cedar | The Prairie Ecologist

While it is a native species, eastern red cedar can be an aggressive plant in prairies, especially in the absence of regular fire. Focusing early control efforts on mature female trees that are producing berries can be a good way to help slow the spread of trees while you work to contain the overall infestation.

[This project is a work in progress!](#) We are looking for a way to stabilize the edging in an upright position with completely biodegradable products. The Jute String didn't work, and the wood strapping required screws!

Let us know your ideas!

WE used recycled red cedar from a Prairie Restoration in Crofton, Nebraska.

- Cut to 1 foot lengths
- Toboggan to tow them to the back yard
- Tried to stabilize with Jute, but created a Domino Effect—Ideas?
- Planning to use strips of wood, cordless drill, and screws to stabilize (see arrow) but don't like the idea of non-biodegradable products...



