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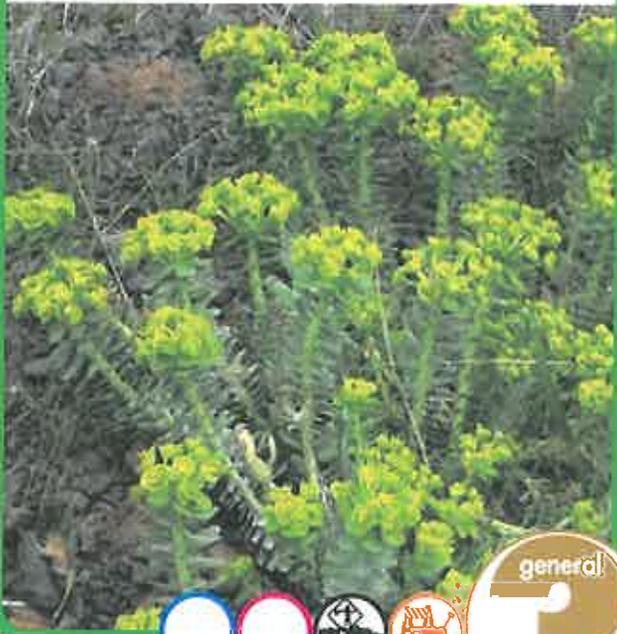
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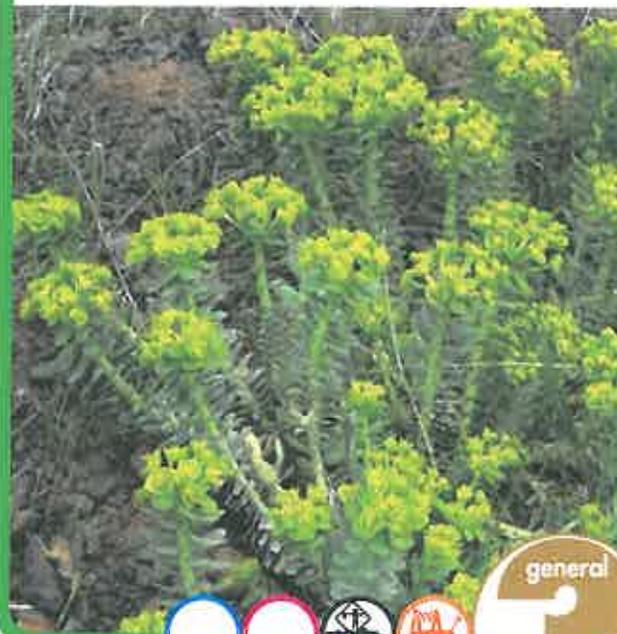
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This weed contains a toxic, milky sap which can cause severe skin irritations, including blistering. Wearing gloves, long sleeves, shoes, and eye protection is highly recommended when in contact with myrtle spurge, as all plant parts are considered poisonous. More details about this species and herbicides to control it are available online at <http://www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds>.

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