

Combined Weed Program

City of Lincoln

June 2011 Monthly Report

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Knotweed update:

Until this month all of our Knotweed locations were ornamental plantings. We did find our first infestation of “**Wild**” Japanese Knotweed this month located within the city limits on North 14th street. We are working with the



landowner on methods of control. We need to work quickly because N. 14th is due to be widened and we don't want any of this plant or plant parts to be moved during construction.

Water Bill Insert

An insert has been stuffed in the water bills going out this time. The insert is to inform Lincoln residents about Knotweed and the problems it can cause. We have already had some success with this mailing and have confirmed one new infestation in a resident's backyard. They had bought the house a couple years ago and mentioned this plant just kept taking over the corner flower garden, no matter what they did to control it. The insert will go out to around 73,000 homes and businesses.

Weed Abatement

As of the end of June our office made 2,271 inspections in the City of Lincoln. Our

inspectors completed 1,707 inspections on weed abatement problems and another 564 on noxious weed infestations. We've received 816 complaints with 155 properties having more than one complaint.

The Weed Authority has issued 536 notices to comply with the weed abatement ordinance and have

had to force cut 109

properties by

contractors. We

have also issued 52 notices to

comply with noxious weeds within the city and have had contractors force control 3 of those.



Noxious Weed Control Act Q & A

Q: What is the penalty specified for someone who prevents or threatens to prevent entry upon land of an authorized person carrying out their duties as required by the Noxious Weed Control Act?

A: Class IV misdemeanor.

July Planned Activities

- 4 Holiday
- 8 Invasive Species Council
- 14 Management Team Meeting
- 19 LPWMA Meeting
- 21 NWCA Region 1 @ Saline Co.
- 25-29 Brent's Vacation
- 31 Monthly activity report