



Weed Abatement Program Lancaster County / City of Lincoln

April 2012

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Inspection Activity

The 2012 growing season is a good 4 to 5 weeks ahead of what we see on a typical year. We've issued 30 legal notices and had to do one force mowing already in April. All this and our seasonal inspectors for weed abatement won't start until the middle of May.

Weed Abatement

264 Inspections

163 1st inspections
77 2nd inspections
24 3rd inspections

147 Complaints

140 1st complaints on a property.
7 2nd complaints on a property.

Noxious Weeds in Lincoln

132 Inspections

108 1st inspections
32 2nd inspections

95 sites had uncontrolled noxious weeds

Leafy Spurge

Not all pretty yellow flowers are good! [Leafy spurge](#) is a noxious weed in the State and is required by law to be controlled. This season leafy spurge got a big head start on the competition and is very showy around Lincoln. It is a deep rooted perennial and is very difficult to control, so any new infestation should be treated as soon as it is spotted. Attached is an article we did for UNL Extensions monthly [Acreage owners newsletter](#) with more information on what to look for and how to control leafy spurge.

Kiosk

As part of our education and outreach plan to educate the public on what noxious weeds to look for, and how to identify them

we have been working with the staff at Parks & Recreation to design a new kiosk to put in high public use areas around the city.



The kiosk have great pictures to help the citizens of Lincoln learn some of the noxious weeds that are required by State Law to be controlled as well as information on how they can get involved in preventing the spread of these wetland invaders.

May Planned Activities

- 1 Contract for mowing of abandoned Cemeteries- Uphoff, Dietz, Highland
- 1 Contracts for landfills
- 1-31 Leafy spurge roadside spraying
- 8 5 Rivers WMA
- 9 Prepare leafy spurge roadside map
- 10 Management Team Meeting
- 11 NE Invasive Species Council
- 14 Inspector training
- 15 LPWMA meeting
- 15 Phragmites inspections
- 15 Maps to RAW applicators for BNSF
- 15 Maps to Chem-Trol for UPRR
- 17 NWCA Region 1
- 28 Holiday
- 31 Problem Resolution Team