

# Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

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## New "STOP WEED INVADERS" Billboard

The [Lower Platte Weed Management Area \(LPWMA\)](#) recently put up a billboard in Lincoln.

The goal is to draw attention to noxious weeds across the state and encourage citizens to report the infestations. Previously a billboard was put up in Omaha and proved very successful.

The billboard is located at 12<sup>th</sup> and Cornhusker and is visible to eastbound traffic. It will remain up through August. Funding was provided by The Nebraska Environmental Trust.

The mission of the LPWMA is to improve the health of the riparian areas of the



Lower Platte River for the benefit of the owners, users and general public by controlling and preventing all riparian plant invaders and improving stream flow capacity by managing the vegetation in the stream bed and on the banks.

Later this summer an aerial survey of Salt Creek in Lancaster

County will be done for phragmites with funding provided by the LPWMA.

Many local, state and federal agencies are part of the LPWMA, working together to manage invasive species in the 10 county area.

Lancaster County has been a member of the LPWMA since it was organized in 2002.

## April showers bring May WEEDS!!!

The weed control season is off to a booming start. Unfortunately that isn't a good thing. A combination of drought from 2012 and rain in 2013 makes it a perfect storm for noxious weeds and overgrown grass to

get off to a quick start. By the end of May our office had received 476 complaints from the public and has completed 1,487 inspections. Weed abatement in Lincoln has accounted for 857 inspections while noxious

weeds accounted for another 630 inspections. We have already had to issue 197 legal notices requiring landowners to control their noxious weeds or mow their property.

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# Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

*It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.*

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation. The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.

<p><b>Musk Thistle</b> Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p><b>Canada Thistle</b> Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p><b>Plumeless Thistle</b> Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p>Purple flowers</p>
<p><b>Phragmites</b> Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p>Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p><b>Leafy Spurge</b> Height .3–2.6 ft</p> <p>Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stems/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p><b>Sericea Lespedeza</b> Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p>White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p><b>Japanese Knotweed</b> Height 3–10 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p><b>Giant Knotweed</b> Height 8–13 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p><b>Purple Loosestrife</b> Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p>Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p><b>Saltcedar</b> Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p>Pink to white flowers</p>	<p><b>Spotted Knapweed</b> Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p><b>Diffuse Knapweed</b> Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>White/purplish flowers</p>

**GOOD NEIGHBORS CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS**

If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association ([www.neweed.org](http://www.neweed.org)), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture ([www.agr.ne.gov/noxious\\_weed](http://www.agr.ne.gov/noxious_weed))

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