

# Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

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## Inspection Activity

### Inspection Totals

As of July 31<sup>st</sup> a total of 6,556 inspections have been completed by our staff on 3,669 sites. Noxious weeds accounted for 2,197 inspections while 4,359 were the result of weed abatement problems.

### Noxious Weeds - inside City Limits

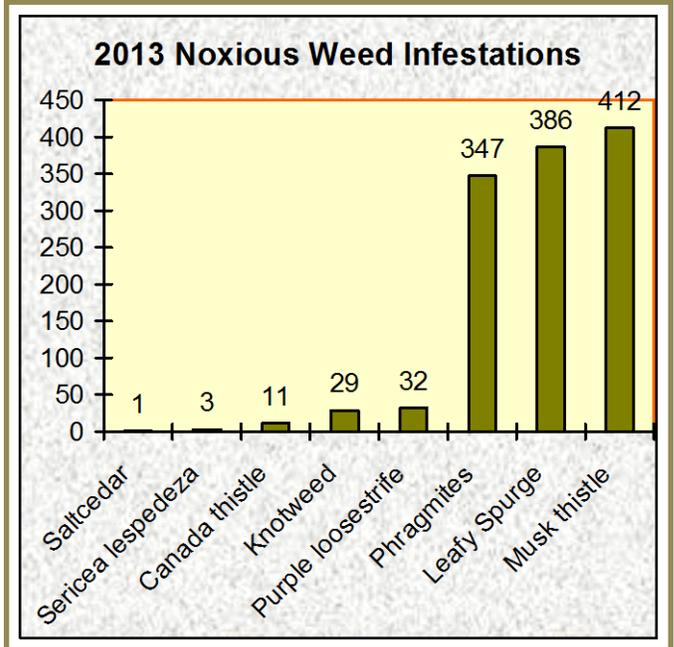
Our inspectors made 755 inspections on 475 sites, totaling 1,662 acres inspected. We found 339 sites with violations.

- 145 Musk thistle
- 68 Leafy spurge
- 64 Phragmites
- 29 Knotweed
- 23 Purple loosestrife
- 10 Canada thistle

### Noxious Weeds - outside City Limits

In rural areas we made 1,442 inspections on 1,021 sites, totaling 10,086 acres inspected. We found 882 sites with violations.

- 267 Musk thistle
- 318 Leafy spurge



- 283 Phragmites
- 9 Purple loosestrife
- 3 Sericea lespedeza
- 1 Canada thistle
- 1 Saltcedar

has received 1,260 complaints from the public concerning weed abatement violations. In attempt to get the overgrowth controlled the Weed Control Office made 29 personal contacts, sent 1,059 letters and 884 legal notices. As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, our office has completed 153 contracts to have vegetation cut, totaling \$29,838.

### Weed Abatement City of Lincoln

A total of 4,359 inspections have been completed on 2,173 sites for overgrowth within city limits. Our office

## Phragmites Survey & Helicopter Spraying

As phragmites continues to spread across Lancaster County we continue to work with the landowners to provide options for them to control their infestations. A survey was sent out in July to find out who was going to be able to control it on their own and who would be willing

to hire a helicopter to help out. Through the Lower Platte Weed Management Area we have contracted with Skycopters out of Ulysses, KS. Skycopters will provide spraying of herbicides to areas that are not accessible by ground application, or are just too large to handle. So far

over 30 private and public landowners have signed up. Phragmites often grows over 12' tall making it very difficult to spray from the ground. The aquatic herbicide used has an active ingredient *imazapyr* that requires specialized equipment on the helicopter to legally apply.

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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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