

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Education & Outreach

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Weed ID Video's

One of our goals at Lancaster County Weed Control is providing education to the public on noxious and invasive weeds. One of the keys to eradicating any noxious weed infestation is to be able to correctly identify the plant. With the help of 5 City TV we are currently working on producing video's to help folks learn some key characteristics in noxious weed identification. Once finished we will put them on YouTube and link to our website. Education is the key to any successful program. When we started getting questions from landowners about where exactly we found the



plant and what it looks like, I realized we need to do more than just include a brochure with the letters we send. In today's society we would rather pick up our smart phone or tablet and watch a video instead of reading a brochure. On June 26th we went out

to musk thistle and leafy spurge sites and shot the video. 5 City TV will edit the footage down to produce the final three to five minute video. We hope to have the video's done later this year. If all goes well we plan on producing video's on all the noxious weeds.

Changes Happening At The Weed Control Office

Ashley McAllister's last day will be July 15th. Ashley began working for Lancaster County during college as a seasonal inspector at Weed Control for two seasons. Upon receiving her degree she began her full-time career at General Assistance for a year and a half before coming back to Weed Control as Account Clerk III for the last two years. Ashley will be missed in our small office where she is always at the hub of activity and keeps us running at peak performance. Ashley married Brian Kouba on June 27th. They plan on making their home in Gothenburg and are expecting their first child in November. Congratulations Ashley! Thank you for all you've done for Lancaster County and GOOD LUCK during this exciting time in your life!!!

Inspection Activity Report

As of June 30, 2015, the Weed Control staff has completed 5,099 inspections on 2,961 properties. Weed abatement within the City of Lincoln accounted for 3,435 inspections on 1,853 properties while noxious weeds accounted for 1,664 inspections on 1,108 properties.

We've received 833 complaints from the public wanting help getting neighboring properties controlled. In order to gain compliance we've sent 1,241 letters and 808 legal notices requiring control. A total of 66 enforcements have been completed by our contractors, totaling \$12,934 in control cost.



**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

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Good Neighbors –
 Control Invasive Weeds !!!

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>Musk Thistle Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Canada Thistle Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p>Plumeless Thistle Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p>Purple flowers</p>
<p>Phragmites Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p>Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Leafy Spurge Height 3–2.6 ft</p> <p>Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stem/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p>Sericea Lespedeza Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p>White to cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p>Japanese Knotweed Height 3–10 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Giant Knotweed Height 8–13 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Purple Loosestrife Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p>Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p>Saltcedar Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p>Pink to white flowers</p>	<p>Spotted Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p>Diffuse Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>White/purplish flowers</p>
<p>Lancaster County's Noxious Weeds Newly Added</p>	<p>Cutleaf Teasel Height 4–8 ft</p> <p>White flowers</p>	<p>Common Teasel Height 3–6 ft</p> <p>Lavender to white 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), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture.