

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

FALL IS AN EXCELLENT TIME TO CONTROL BIENNIAL WEEDS!

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"Fall is a great time to treat biennials like musk thistle, dandelion and henbit"

Most of us think that once fall arrives that our weed control is done for the season. Not true. Now, up until the ground freezes, or we get a heavy snowfall is the perfect time to control, [musk thistle](#) in your pastures, as well as dandelion and henbit in your lawns. So go ahead and use this time to control those pesky weeds for a cleaner pasture and lawn next spring.

Biennial plants are translocating nutrients to their root systems during the cool autumn months to survive the winter. This enables them to get a good start next spring. Biennial and some perennial varieties are most susceptible to herbicide treatments at this time. Herbicide



Fall Musk Thistle Rosettes

applications reach deeper into the root systems of undesirable plants (weeds) during the fall months. This is simply because the plant is taking nutrients and water to the deep regions of its roots.

Lower rates of herbicides can be used with fall applications making weed control less expensive. Lower application rates go further into the plants before the top part of the plant is 'burned off' by the effects of the

herbicides applied. Because of this, fall applications effectively allow herbicides to get to "the root of the problem". Fall applications are generally more environmentally friendly since most crops, gardens and flowers have been removed. Typically, treating biennial weeds this fall will show good results next spring because the plants have been stressed at their strongest points – the roots.



Inspection Activity Report

As of October 31, 2015, the Weed Control staff has completed 10,798 inspections on 5,140 properties. Weed abatement within the City of Lincoln accounted for 7,692 inspections on 3,289 properties, while noxious weeds accounted for 3,106

inspections on 1,851 properties. We've received 1,887 complaints from the public wanting help getting neighboring properties controlled. In order to gain compliance we've sent 2,701 letters and 1,738 legal notices requiring

control. A total of 362 enforcements have been completed by our contractors, totaling \$54,796 in control cost. We had two noxious weed 15-day legal notices that went to court, resulting in a \$1,500 fine in each case.

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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>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) Stems/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.

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