

# Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

## Weed Control Awarded Nebraska Academy of Sciences (NAS) Public Information & Education Grant

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**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES  
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

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### NAS \$3,000 Grant

Lancaster County Weed Authority is approved to receive a \$3,000 Public Information and Education (PIE) grant from the Nebraska Academy of Sciences (NAS), funded through the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET).

The Nebraska Academy of Sciences grant's focus is to provide education and outreach in any Nebraska Environmental Trust grant category. The focus of our grant is to provide information to the

public using the national outreach campaign Play Clean Go. This campaign encourages outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy the outdoors and reminds them to clean their gear before entering or leaving the recreation site.

The \$3,000 grant will be matched with \$3,000 from the Nebraska Weed Control Association and \$650 from Lancaster County Weed Control. The funds will be used to create ATV/UTV, Boat & RV dealer packets. They will also be used for printing brochures and creating a video

showing recreationists what they can do to prevent the spread of invasive plants in their favorite recreation spot. This will help protect the places we enjoy by removing seeds, plants and mud from boots, gear, pets and vehicles.

The Environmental impacts of not controlling invasive plants can be costly to all Nebraskan's. Flooding and reduced water conveyance due to overgrown vegetation along the waterways, less water for drinking, lost wildlife habitat and risk of fire, are all impacts created by invasive plants.

### Weed Free Forage Program

When forages are transported, be it across the road or across the United States, the potential for the spread of weeds is present. A North America weed free forage program was formulated and implemented to prevent the spread of weeds from one location to another. There is a growing demand in all of North America for the use of certified weed free forage and mulch as a preventative measure to

limit the spread of noxious weeds. The Lancaster County Weed Control Authority will upon request inspect any forage prior to harvest as to the presence or absence of the designated noxious weeds of the participating states and provinces. The forage is required to be inspected in the field of origin prior to cutting or harvesting. Forage containing any noxious weeds or other listed weeds may be certified if

prescribed treatments are followed. An inspection certificate will document that the requirements were met. Interstate shipments of forages must be accompanied by a transit certificate and/or certification marking issued by the Weed Control Authority in the state of origin. If you are interested in having your forage certified, please contact the Weed Authority office in your county.

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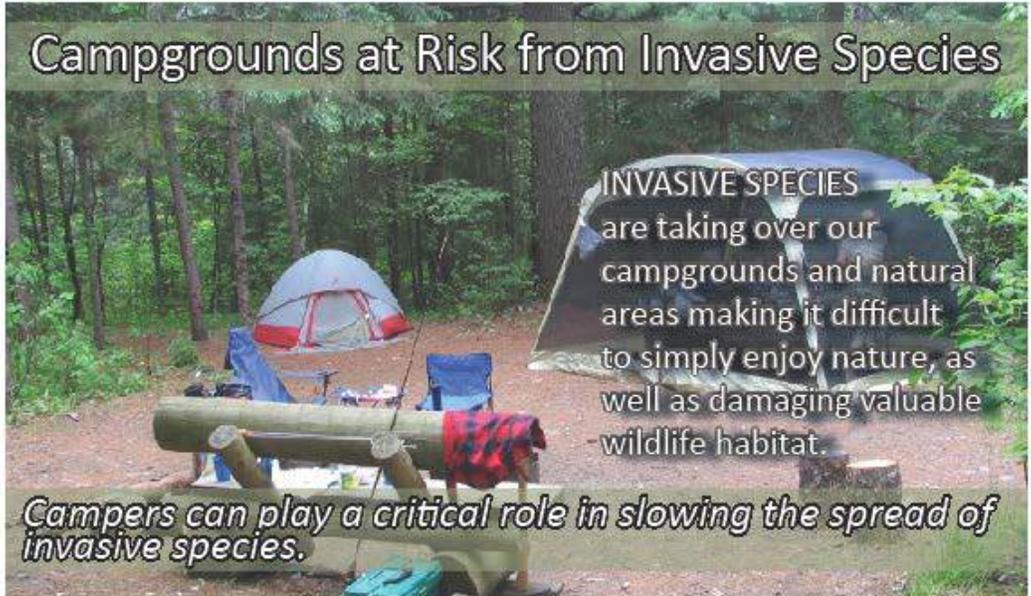


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[www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds)



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Good Neighbors –  
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**WHAT CAMPERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INVASIVES**

- Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals, and diseases that can cause harm to the economy, environment, and human health.
- Invasive plants tend to reproduce and grow quickly making trails impassable.
- They harm wildlife and replace wildflowers.
- Invasive insects and diseases can kill trees.

**WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH CAMPERS?**

- Invasive plant seeds, insects, and diseases can be moved on equipment, such as mud on tires or seeds with burs on clothes and shoes.
- Concerns about spreading invasive species may endanger access to lands and campgrounds in the future.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- Learn to recognize invasive species.
- Wear clothing and footwear that do not attract seeds.
- Clean yourself and your equipment before and after use.
- Clean your animals and their equipment before and after use.
- Properly dispose of soil, seeds, or plant parts from cleaning.
- Minimize soil disturbance; stay on designated trails.
- Avoid areas that are infested with invasive species; "When in doubt, stay out!"
- Do not transport firewood that originates more than 25 miles away from the campground or from outside of Wisconsin.
- Follow guidelines for bringing domestic animals into forested recreation areas.
- Educate others how to limit the spread of invasive species.
- Volunteer to help control invasive species.

For more information on this and other recreational user groups (Anglers, Animal-Based, Bicyclists, Hikers, Hunters), visit the Recreation Best Management Practices at: <http://council.wisconsinforestry.org/invasives/>