

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Sportsman’s Guide to Nebraska’s Invasive Species

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**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

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HOW DO INVASIVE SPECIES SPREAD?

Invasive species have many pathways of spread. For instance, weed seeds move easily in soil so muddy boots or vehicles can move weed seeds. Some weeds seeds have special hooks to help them hitch a ride. Thus, weeds seeds can spread on our shoes, socks, clothing, vehicles and pets.

The Sportsman’s Guide to Invasive Species was developed to help the outdoor recreationists recognize what they can do while enjoying the outdoors, to prevent the spread of invasives from one area to another. Funding for the Sportsman’s Guide was provided by the Nebraska Environmental Trust,

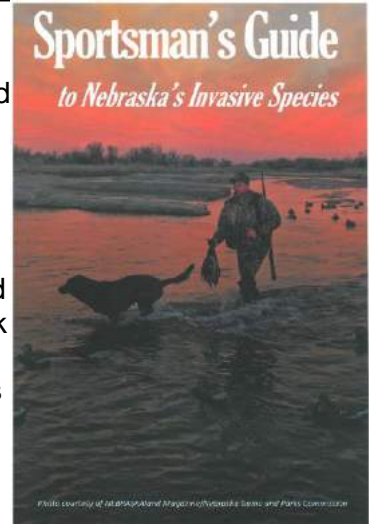
Public Information and Education grant, with matching funds provided by the Nebraska Weed Control Association.

HOW DO PLANTS END UP WHERE THEY DO?

Lancaster County Weed Authority continually ask that very question when we find new infestations in areas where they previous didn’t exist. Is it being moved in by wind? birds? humans? or some other method? By stopping the method of how weeds spread, we can cut down on new infestations.

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Everyone should care because unless we can slow the spread of invasive species, life as we currently know it will change dramatically; from where we live and work, to the places we go, the products we buy, how we relax and play



with our kids. All of it has the potential to change with the spread of invasive species.

Because so much of the spread is associated with the activities of private individuals, it’s up to us to become informed, attentive, and accountable for our potential role in the spread of invasive species.

2017 Weed Inspections Through July

As of July 31, 2017, the Weed Control staff completed 6,554 inspections on 3,710 properties. Weed abatement within the City of Lincoln accounted for 3,677 inspections on 1,859 properties while noxious weeds

accounted for 2,877 inspections on 1,851 properties. Our office received 1,014 complaints from the public wanting help getting neighboring properties controlled. In order to gain compliance we posted 848 yard

signs, sent 1,306 letters and 662 legal notices requiring control. A total of 97 enforcements have been completed by our contractors, totaling \$23,169 in control cost.

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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 style="text-align: center;">Musk Thistle</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Canada Thistle</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Plumeless Thistle</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purple flowers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Phragmites</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Leafy Spurge</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height .3–2.6 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stems/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sericea Lespedeza</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Japanese Knotweed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 3–10 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Giant Knotweed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 8–13 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Purple Loosestrife</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saltcedar</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pink to white flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spotted Knapweed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Diffuse Knapweed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White/purplish flowers</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">Lancaster County's Noxious Weeds</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Cutleaf Teasel</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 4–8 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">White flowers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Common Teasel</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Height 3–6 ft</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.