

# Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

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So you purchased a new acreage this fall and now this spring you are finding your small acreage has a patch of plants or weeds you don't recognize.

What can be done to solve the problem? With any problem come options for solutions. It's the same with weed control problems. First step towards a solution is to identify the problem. Your local weed superintendent, extension educator or other professional weed person can help identify the unknown plant.

Is it an annual (one year life cycle grows by seed) a biennial (two years to complete life cycle) or a perennial (three or more years)? Determining the life cycle of the weeds helps establish the most effective means to control the plant. Different techniques can be used to get on the path to controlling the problem weeds. Whether it is biological control, mechanical control, or herbicide control, your weed control advisor can help here too.

If the plant is a [noxious weed](#), you are required by law to control it. If it happens to be a [Watch List weed](#) (Invasive), you are not required to control it, but you are encouraged to control it,



and keep it from becoming a large infestation (the broken window scenario).

Herbicides applied at the proper time in the life cycle of biennial or perennial plants are often the most cost effective and efficient means of dealing with noxious and invasive plants. Owner-operators of small acreages often find it is rewarding to do the job themselves. Using smaller spray equipment ranging from a 2 gallon hand sprayer to a 20 gallon ATV sprayer mounted on a 4 wheeler may meet your needs.

First time herbicide users should be cautious when deciding which herbicide to use. Consulting a professional is a wise choice. There are restricted use and non-restricted use herbicides. The restricted use products require a special license to buy them and to apply them. The

special license is issued after attending training offered by UNL Extension. With the use of any herbicide, always read and follow label directions. The label will tell you what weeds the product controls, the proper rate to apply, what growth stage it works best on (or when to apply), proper protective clothing needed - such as gloves, long pants or long sleeved shirts, and other important information such as how long to stay away from the treated area.

Talking with a weed control professional can help you do it yourself safely and wisely. As soon as an infestation of noxious, unwanted or unwelcome weeds is spotted, they can be dealt with quickly, efficiently and safely. With a little homework, your small acreage can change from a weedy nightmare to become your dream come true.

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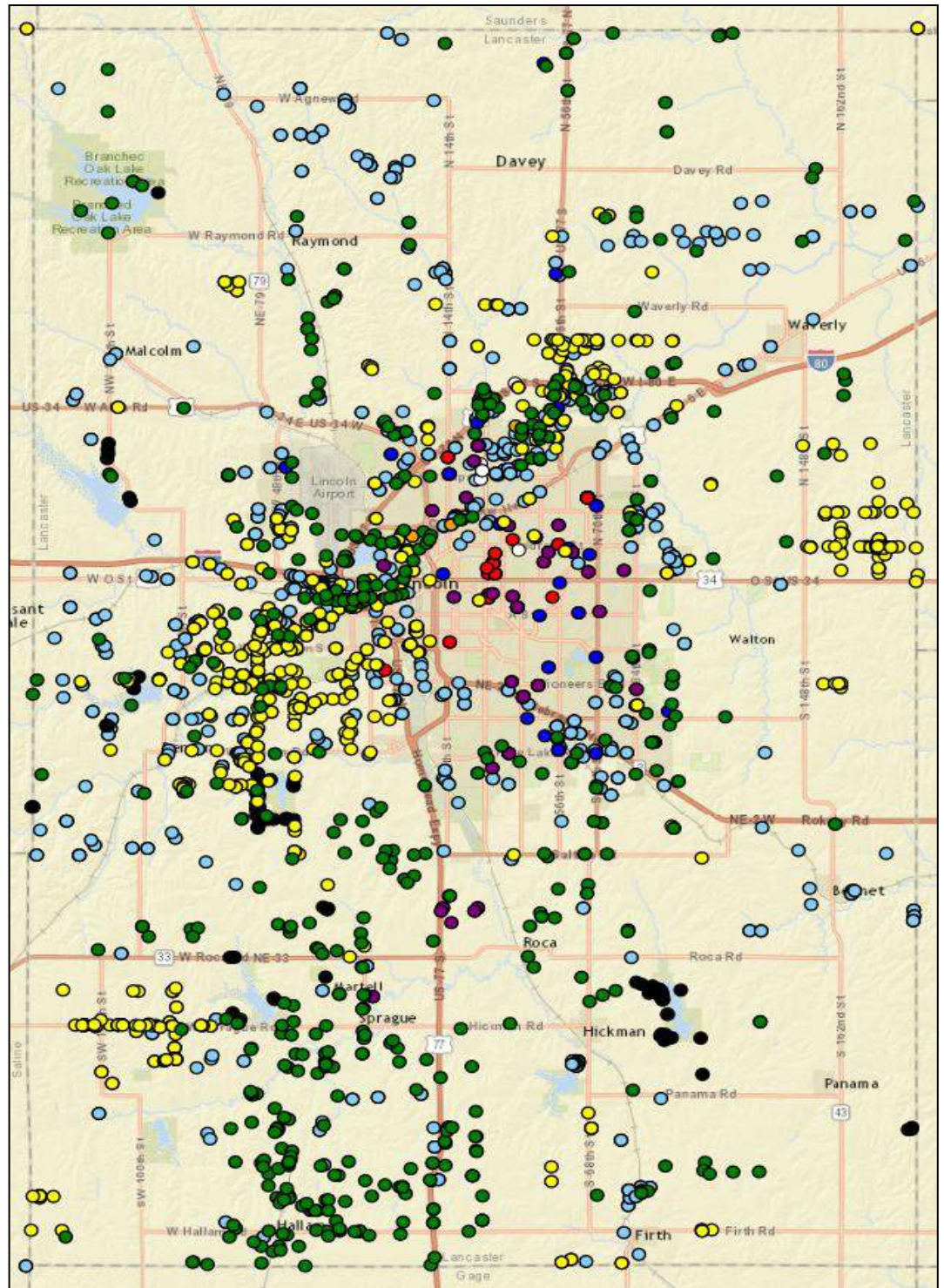
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Map Key

- Phragmites
- Saltcedar
- Leafy spurge
- Purple loosestrife
- Canada thistle
- Teasel
- Knotweed
- Sericea lespedeza
- Musk thistle

Good Neighbors –  
Control Invasive Weeds !!!

### 2017 Noxious Weed Locations



Lancaster County, NE