

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Nebraska Real Estate Commission Adds Noxious Weed Question

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In an effort to protect home buyers from purchasing a property with an infestation of noxious weeds, the Nebraska Real Estate Commission recently adopted amendments to the Seller Property Condition Disclosure statement (“SPCD”). The form now includes a question in the Environmental Conditions section about noxious weeds.

The question reads; ***Have you been notified by the Noxious Weed Control Authority in the last 3 years of the presence of noxious weeds, as defined by Nebraska law (N.A.C. Title 25, Ch. 10), on this property? The seller will answer Yes, No, or Do Not Know.***

The question should never prevent the sale of a property, but will help the buyer make a

more informed decision about their purchase.

The Nebraska Weed Control Association worked with the Nebraska Real Estate Commission to make the change possible. Several neighboring States already had similar language on their disclosure forms, allowing the Commission to use them as examples to draft the current language.

Noxious Weeds know no boundaries and are found on any type of landscape. They are found in the cities, villages, towns and acreages as easily as on rural agriculture land. Purple loosestrife, saltcedar and knotweed are three of Nebraska’s Noxious Weeds that were actually sold as ornamentals. This makes them as likely to be found on residential



Purple loosestrife found on a residential property in Lincoln.

lots as in rural areas.

The new form became effective Jan 1, 2017 and is used on all sales of properties that include a residence. This form is not used on agriculture land, so landowners buying pasture / rangeland, farmland, etc., are encouraged to check with the local County Weed Control Authority for information on the property prior to purchase.

Inspection Season Right Around The Corner

Spring is right around the corner and we are all excited for warmer weather. For most, it means planting gardens, tending to flower beds, and

getting the mower ready. For our staff, it means the weeds will be coming soon!!! Noxious weeds out compete desirable plants and devalue

land. Our office is busy finishing up preparations for this season and will be working with landowners to prevent the spread of noxious weeds.

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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) 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 to purplish flowers</p>
<p>Lancaster County's Noxious Weeds</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.