

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Join the “Weed Watcher Team”

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**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES
IN YOUR TRACKS.**

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Why Become a Weed Watcher?

Weeds cause real problems by disrupting ecosystems and decreasing the value of our land.

Weeds grow so prolifically that they displace native plants.

You can help keep them out by looking for and reporting these plants

Lancaster County Weed Control encourages anyone interested in plants to sign up to become a Weed Watcher. This FREE program is available from our office, or can be downloaded from our website at www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds by clicking on the Weed Watcher link.

Our staff will be available to train anyone wishing to join the Weed Watcher Program. The program includes a [Weed Watcher Resource Guide](#), a [photo calendar](#) to help you identify invasive plants as they grow throughout the season. A [hit report](#) is available to give you a way to report infestations. Our Weed Watcher program is designed to train and support volunteers to find and report new occurrences of harmful invasive

plants. Weed Watchers help protect natural areas from the impacts of invasive plants by **detecting new populations** early before they get out of hand.

Weed Watchers are people who care about the health of our lands and want to help prevent the ecological and economic damage associated with plant invasions by looking for and reporting new weeds.

Weed Watchers can be anyone; private citizens who simply want to scan for new invaders while they trek across the land to experts in the field. Often Weed Watchers are people already actively volunteering in their community. Outdoorsmen, hunters and fishermen, community groups, geocachers, 4-H groups, boy & girl scouts, are just a few of the groups that can help make a difference.



1. Learn the weeds
2. Look for weeds
3. Document weeds
4. Report weeds

This program is **FREE** and needs everyone's help to protect our natural resources and neighborhoods from invasive plants.

Contact the Lancaster County Weed Control office to be on our email list serve and start learning how you can make a difference. If interested call 402-441-7817 or email weeds@lancaster.ne.gov to get signed up.

Multi-Agency Invasive Plant Training

With funding from The Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) along with 5-Rivers Weed Management Area the Lancaster County Weed Control recently hosted our annual Multi-Agency Invasive Plant Training. The training is designed to help agency personnel from Southeast Nebraska learn how to

identify invasive plants. In addition to plant identification the over 70 attendees heard from Kyle Williams about the management of medians within the City of Lincoln; Tyler Williams on how Temperature Inversions effect your herbicide application and the potential for off target damage to desirable

vegetation; Mark Brohman on projects sponsored by NET and James Radzvilowicz about how DeAngelo Brothers Inc., manages roadsides for Nebraska Department of Roads. This was a great networking opportunity for different agencies to come together and learn from each other.

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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.



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

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.