



2013 Noxious and Invasive Weed Program - <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/weedcontrol>

The Minnesota Noxious Weed Law (MN Statutes 18.75-18.91) defines a noxious weed as an annual, biennial, or perennial plant that the Commissioner of Agriculture designates to be injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property. The purpose of the law is to protect residents of the state from the injurious effects of noxious weeds.

There are twenty-six plant species regulated as noxious weeds in Minnesota. Twenty-one plants are listed as [prohibited noxious weeds](#) which consist of two regulatory lists— eleven plants listed on the [prohibited eradicate list](#) and ten on the [prohibited control list](#). Prohibited noxious weeds must be eradicated or controlled in accordance with the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law. Four species; common buckthorn, glossy buckthorn, multiflora rose, and black swallow-wort are listed as [restricted noxious weeds](#) and are prohibited from importation, sale, and transportation in Minnesota. One species, poison ivy, is listed as a [specially regulated plant](#) that can be enforced under specific conditions.

Prohibited Noxious Weeds – Attempts must be made by all landowners to control or eradicate species on these lists. These species cannot be transported without a permit or sold in Minnesota

Eradicate List –must be eradicated by killing the above and belowground parts of the plant.

1. [Yellow Star Thistle, *Centaurea solstitialis* L.](#)
2. [Grecian Foxglove, *Digitalis lanata* Ehrh.](#)
3. [Oriental Bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus* Thunb.](#)
4. [Japanese Hops, *Humulus japonicus* Siebold & Zucc.](#)
5. [Dalmatian Toadflax, *Linaria dalmatica* \(L.\) Mill.](#)
6. [Common Teasel, *Dipsacus fullonum* L.](#)
7. [Cut-leaved Teasel, *Dipsacus laciniatus* L.](#)
8. [Giant Hogweed, *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier](#)
9. [Brown Knapweed, *Centaurea jacea* L.](#)
10. [Meadow Knapweed, *Centaurea x moncktonii* C.E. Britton](#)
11. [Black Swallow-wort, *Cynanchum louiseae* Kartesz & Gandhi](#)

Control List –must be controlled by a lawful method that prevents the maturation and spread of propagating parts.

1. [Leafy Spurge, *Euphorbia esula* \(L.\)](#)
2. [Canada Thistle, *Cirsium arvense* \(L.\) Scop.](#)
3. [Musk Thistle, *Carduus nutans* \(L.\)](#)
4. [Plumeless Thistle, *Carduus acanthoides* \(L.\)](#)
5. [Garlic Mustard, *Alliaria petiolata* \(Bieb.\)](#)
6. [Purple Loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria, virgatum* \(L.\),](#)
7. [Wild Parsnip, *Pastinaca sativa* L.](#)
8. [Common Tansy, *Tanacetum vulgare* \(L.\)](#)
9. [Spotted Knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe* spp. *micranthos*](#)
10. [Narrowleaf Bittercress, *Cardamine impatiens* L.](#)

Restricted Noxious Weeds - may not be sold, transported without a permit, or intentionally planted in Minnesota.

1. [Common or European Buckthorn, *Rhamnus cathartica* \(L.\)](#)
2. [Glossy Buckthorn \(and all cultivars\), *Frangula alnus* Mill.](#)
3. [Multiflora Rose, *Rosa multiflora* Thunb.](#)
4. [Common Reed – non native subspecies, *Phragmites australis* \(Cav.\) Trin. Ex Steud subsp. *australis*](#)

Specially Regulated Plants –shall be controlled or eradicated according to specified regulations.

1. [Poison ivy, *Toxicodendron radicans* \(Ktze.\)](#) *Must be eradicated or controlled for public safety along rights-of-ways, trails, public accesses, business properties open to the public or on parts of lands where public access for business or commerce is granted. Must also be eradicated or controlled along property borders when requested by adjoining landowners.*

Failure to comply with the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law may result in an enforcement action by a county or local municipality.

Minnesota Noxious Weeds



Minnesota Noxious Weed Advisory Committee Web Site - <http://mnoxiousweeds.wikispaces.com/>

County Noxious Weeds – County Noxious Weeds are plants that are designated by individual county boards to be enforced as prohibited noxious weeds within the county's jurisdiction and must be approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the Noxious Weed Advisory Committee. Each county board must submit newly proposed County Noxious Weeds to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for review. Approved County Noxious Weeds shall also be posted with the county's general weed notice prior to May 15th each year. Counties are solely responsible for developing County Noxious Weed lists and their enforcement.

Contact your local County Agricultural Inspector or Designated Employee for more information on County Noxious Weeds

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/weedcontrol/cailist.aspx>

Adding species to County Noxious Weed Lists

It is up to an individual county to determine if they will have a designated county noxious weed list and the process for selection of species to be added to the list. If the county board of commissioners establishes a county noxious weed list, townships wanting to add species should pass a resolution with the county's Township Association showing that the representative of townships for that county are in favor of adding a particular species and enforcing it. This resolution can then be submitted to the County Agricultural Inspector or Designated Employee for that jurisdiction. It is still up to the county board of commissioners to decide if they want to list and enforce any species submitted to them via the township association or other entities. Minnesota Department of Agriculture approved County Noxious Weed Lists can be enforced by authorized agents of the commissioner under the MN Noxious Weed Law as outlined in *Minnesota Statutes 18.80 – 18.81*.

Townships can also use their local ordinance process to regulate plant species that are not listed by the county or state. Enforcement of species listed via a municipal ordinance are the responsibility of municipal authorities and cannot be regulated under or associated with the MN Noxious Weed Law - *MS 18.75 – 18.91*.