

Controlling Noxious Weeds - FAQ



Is it a Noxious Weed?

The listing of noxious weeds is found in The [Noxious Weeds Regulation \(Man.Reg.42/17\)](#) which contains schedules that rank plants according to their threat levels and specifies the areas of the province to which these levels apply. Plants are designated as Tier 1, 2, or 3 noxious weeds.

How are the Different Tiers of Weeds Managed?

The Act requires that Tier 1 weeds, considered a significant threat, must be eradicated without conditions. Tier 2 weeds must be managed according to the size of the infestation. Tier 3 weeds have to be controlled if the weed's uncontrolled growth or spread would have a negative impact on the economy, the environment or the well-being of residents near by.

Who is Responsible for Control of Noxious Weeds?

The control of noxious weeds is the responsibility of all landowners, including:

- Farmers: conventional and organic
- Construction
- Industry: Hydro, Oil and Gas, etc.
- Railways
- Governments: Municipal, Provincial and Federal - rights of way, crown land, parks, etc.

The [Noxious Weeds Act \(RSM 1987, c. N110\)](#) provides the provincial mandate to control noxious weeds. It sets out the requirements regarding various control or destruction measures for different plants. It applies to anyone owning or occupying land in Manitoba on which the plant is located.

Implementation of the Act is at the Municipal or Weed Control District Level. On an annual basis, each Municipality or Weed Control District appoints a Weed Inspector or Supervisor who is tasked with inspecting and enforcing the Noxious Weeds Act. The Weed Inspector or Supervisor will work with landowners to develop control strategies on private lands for particularly invasive weed species. If necessary, the Weed Inspector or Supervisor is authorized to regulate weed control under the authority of the Noxious Weeds Act.

How Do I Get a Noxious Weed Controlled?

To establish control of a Tier 3 noxious weed, report a potential noxious weed issue to the appropriate municipality or weed control district. See [Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association](#) and [Manitoba Weed Districts Map](#). At that point, an assessment of the concern can take place to establish if there is a negative effect. This would include the collection of the following information:

- 1) Photographs of the area (date on photos):
 - a. A landscape photo with landmarks to help locate the area
 - b. Close-up of weeds to confirm it is a Tier 3 weed
 - c. Landscape shot of the total infestation
- 2) Documentation of the concern filed (or in the event that the Weed Supervisor/Inspector located the weed infestation on their own, feedback from a municipal or weed control board member and/or Manitoba Weed Specialist).

Contact Us

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