

# Waterhemp

## The Noxious Weeds Legislation



### Noxious Weeds Act

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.

### Noxious Weeds Regulation

The [Noxious Weeds Regulation \(Man.Reg.42/17\)](#) 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.

### Responsibility to Destroy or Control Noxious Weeds (as per Regulation)

3(1) A person must

- (a) **destroy all tier 1** noxious weeds that are on land that the person owns or occupies;
- (b) **destroy all tier 2** noxious weeds that are on land that the person owns or occupies if the area colonized by the weeds is **less than twenty acres**;
- (c) **control all tier 2** noxious weeds that are on land that the person owns or occupies if the area colonized by the weeds is **twenty acres or more**; and
- (d) **control a tier 3** noxious weed that is on land that the person owns or occupies if the weed's uncontrolled growth or spread is likely to negatively affect an aspect of Manitoba's economy or environment in the area of the land or the well-being of residents in proximity to the land.

### Waterhemp Regulation

- Confirmed in 28 rural municipalities in Manitoba, as of 2024. See [Waterhemp distribution map](#).
- **Downgraded to a Tier 2** weed in those rural municipalities.
  - Small infestations must still be destroyed.
  - Larger, field-wide infestation must be controlled.
- **Remains a Tier 1** in rural municipalities where it has yet to be found.

### Contact Us

This factsheet was developed by the Manitoba Agriculture Weed Specialist.

For more information, contact the department:

Online [www.manitoba.ca/agriculture](http://www.manitoba.ca/agriculture)

Email [crops@gov.mb.ca](mailto:crops@gov.mb.ca)

Phone 1-844-769-6224