

Controlling Noxious Weeds

The [Noxious Weeds Act \(C.C.S.M. c. N110\)](#) sets out 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.

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. A noxious weed means, a plant that is designated as a Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 noxious weed in the [Noxious Weeds Regulations](#) and includes the seed of a noxious weed, whether it is still attached to the noxious weed or is separate from it.

How are 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?

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

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

The provincial mandate to control noxious weeds is provided through the Noxious Weeds Act, but the 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 whom is tasked with inspecting and enforcing the [Noxious Weed Act](#). The Weed Inspector or Supervisor will work with landowners to develop control strategies on private lands for particularly invasive weeds such as leafy spurge. If necessary, Weed Inspector or Supervisor is authorized to regulate weed control under the authority of the Noxious Weeds Act.

How do I get a weed controlled?

To establish control of a Tier 3 noxious weed, a complaint should be lodged with the appropriate municipality or Weed Control District. At that point, an assessment of the concern can take place to establish if there is a negative affect. 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 complaint 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 MB Weed Specialist)