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: 1.5–9.0 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
- Whirlpurpleish 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 (www.agr.ne.gov/noxious_weed)