



## **POLICY 2.7 WEED CONTROL**

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### **PURPOSE:**

To ensure that Prohibited Noxious Weeds are eradicated and Noxious Weeds are controlled under the *Weed Control Act* of Alberta (S.A. 2008, Chapter W-5.1) and the *Weed Control Regulation* (19/2010).

### **SCOPE:**

Northern Sunrise County recognizes that a number of introduced plant species have been designated as Noxious or Prohibited Noxious under the *Weed Control Act* of Alberta. Northern Sunrise County further recognizes that it is beneficial to the County to implement measures to prevent the establishment of and/or to control the spread of alien plant species, on all public and private lands within the boundaries of Northern Sunrise County, for the protection of agricultural productivity and the preservation of the natural environment.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. Compliance Letter - a forceful reminder letter requesting compliance by a specific deadline, and warning of potential issuance of an Inspector's Notice and enforcement for failure to comply. The Compliance Letter has evidentiary value in support of an Inspector's due diligence in the event enforcement becomes necessary.
- b. Control - to inhibit the growth or spread of a plant.
- c. Eradicate – destroy all parts of a plant, and render reproductive parts of a plant non-viable.
- d. Infestation – an intrusion of Noxious or Prohibited Noxious weeds on any property.
- e. Information package – A package with evidentiary value in support of an Inspector's due diligence.
- f. Notice – a legally binding document demanding compliance by a specified deadline, and outlining acceptable weed control options.
- g. *Weed Control Act* - the *Weed Control Act* of Alberta (S.A. 2008 Chapter W-5.1) and the *Weed Control Regulation* (19/2010).

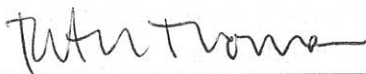
**POLICY:**

1. Weed inspectors shall attempt to conduct an investigation within 3 working days of receipt of a weed report or complaint.
2. Weed complaints may be submitted, verbally or in writing, to the Agricultural Services Department.
3. Inspectors appointed under the *Weed Control Act* shall encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements of the Act.
4. All Prohibited Noxious Weeds observed during inspections of private or public lands shall, through cooperation or enforcement, be eradicated by the registered landowner or occupant.
5. All Noxious Weeds observed during inspections of private or public lands shall, through cooperation or enforcement, be controlled by the registered landowner or occupant.
6. An appointed Inspector shall issue and enforce such Notices as required by the *Weed Control Act*.
7. Weed Inspectors shall attempt to contact landowners at the residence of occupied properties. Information package and/or Compliance Letters shall be delivered to registered landowners where the Weed Inspector has identified a weed problem.
8. The attached "Schedule A" contains a list of weed species declared as Noxious or Prohibited Noxious under the *Weed Control Act* and the *Weed Control Regulation* and shall be considered part of this Policy.
9. Scentless Chamomile has been elevated to Prohibited Noxious under municipal bylaw, and Agricultural Services department personnel shall comply with eradication measures mandated by the *Weed Control Act*.
10. Once the Inspector's Notice appeal period has expired, the Agricultural Service Department is authorized to destroy or take any action on up to 160 acres of crop, that the Agricultural Fieldman determines is necessary to fulfill the requirements stated on the expired Inspector's Notice that have not been complied with as stated in the *Weed Control Act*.



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Chief Administrative Officer

POLICY 2.7 WEED CONTROL – SCHEDULE A (PART I)

Schedule AR 19/2010

WEED CONTROL REGULATION

The following plants are designated as Prohibited Noxious weeds in Alberta:

autumn olive — *Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunb.  
 balsam, Himalayan — *Impatiens glandulifera* Royle  
 barberry, common — *Berberis vulgaris* L.  
 bartsia, red — *Odontites vernus* (Bellardi) Dumort  
 buckthorn, common — *Rhamnus cathartica* L.  
 cinquefoil, sulphur — *Potentilla recta* L.  
 crupina, common — *Crupina vulgaris* Pers. ex Cass.  
 dyer's woad — *Isatis tinctoria* L.  
 Eurasian water milfoil — *Myriophyllum spicatum* L.  
 flowering rush — *Butomus umbellatus* L.  
 garlic mustard — *Alliaria petiolata* (M. Bieb.) Cavara & Grande  
 goatgrass, jointed — *Aegilops cylindrica* Host  
 hawkweed, meadow — *Hieracium caespitosum* Dumort.  
 hawkweed, mouse-ear — *Hieracium pilosella* L.  
 hawkweed, orange — *Hieracium aurantiacum* L.  
 hoary alyssum — *Berteroa incana* (L.) DC.  
 hogweed, giant — *Heracleum mantegazzianum* S ommier & Levier  
 iris, pale yellow — *Iris pseudacorus* L.  
 knapweed, bighead — *Centaurea macrocephala* Puschk. ex Willd.  
 knapweed, black — *Centaurea nigra* L.  
 knapweed, brown — *Centaurea jacea* L.  
 knapweed, diffuse — *Centaurea diffusa* Lam.  
 knapweed, hybrid — *Centaurea* × *psammogena* Gáyer  
 knapweed, meadow — *Centaurea* × *moncktonii* C. E. Britton  
 knapweed, Russian — *Rhaponticum repens* (L.) Hidalgo  
 knapweed, spotted — *Centaurea stoebe* L. ssp. *micranthos* (Gugler) Hayek  
 knapweed, squarrose — *Centaurea virgata* Lam. ssp. *squarrosa* (Willd.) Gugler  
 knapweed, Tyrol — *Centaurea nigrescens* Willd.  
 knotweed, giant — *Fallopia sachalinensis* (F. Schmidt Petrop.) Ronse Decr.  
 knotweed, hybrid Japanese — *Fallopia* × *bohemica* (Chrtk & Chrtková) J. P. Bailey  
 knotweed, Japanese — *Fallopia japonica* (Houtt.) Ronse Decr.  
 loosestrife, purple — *Lythrum salicaria* L.  
 medusahead — *Taeniatherum caput-medusae* (L.) Nevski  
 nutsedge, yellow — *Cyperus esculentus* L.  
 puncturevine — *Tribulus terrestris* L.  
 ragwort, tansy — *Jacobaea vulgaris* Gaertn.  
 rush skeletonweed — *Chondrilla juncea* L.  
 saltcedar — *Tamarix ramosissima* Ledeb.  
 saltlover — *Halogeton glomeratus* (M. Bieb.) C.A. Mey.  
 St John's-wort, common — *Hypericum perforatum* L.  
 starthistle, yellow — *Centaurea solstitialis* L.  
 tamarisk, Chinese — *Tamarix chinensis* Lour.  
 tamarisk, smallflower — *Tamarix parviflora* DC.  
 thistle, marsh — *Cirsium palustre* (L.) Scop.  
 thistle, nodding — *Carduus nutans* L. thistle, plumeless — *Carduus acanthoides* L.

## POLICY 2.7 WEED CONTROL – SCHEDULE A (PART II)

Schedule AR 19/2010

WEED CONTROL REGULATION

The following plants are designated as Noxious weeds in Alberta:

baby's-breath, common — *Gypsophila paniculata* L.  
bellflower, creeping — *Campanula rapunculoides* L.  
bindweed, field — *Convolvulus arvensis* L.  
blueweed — *Echium vulgare* L.  
brome, downy — *Bromus tectorum* L.  
brome, Japanese — *Bromus japonicus* Thunb.  
burdock, great — *Arctium lappa* L.  
burdock, lesser — *Arctium minus* (Hill) Bernh.  
burdock, woolly — *Arctium tomentosum* Mill.  
buttercup, tall — *Ranunculus acris* L.  
chamomile, scentless — *Tripleurospermum inodorum* (L.) Sch.Bip.  
clematis, yellow — *Clematis tangutica* (Maxim.) Korsh.  
cockle, white — *Silene latifolia* Poir. ssp. *alba* (Miller) Greuter & Burdet  
daisy, oxeye — *Leucanthemum vulgare* Lam.  
dame's rocket — *Hesperis matronalis* L.  
henbane, black — *Hyoscyamus niger* L.  
hoary cress, globe-podded — *Lepidium appelianum* Al-Shehbaz  
hoary cress, heart-podded — *Lepidium draba* L.  
hoary cress, lens-podded — *Lepidium chalepense* L.  
hound's-tongue — *Cynoglossum officinale* L.  
mullein, common — *Verbascum thapsus* L.  
pepper-grass, broad-leaved — *Lepidium latifolium* L.  
scabious, field — *Knautia arvensis* (L.) Coult.  
sow thistle, perennial — *Sonchus arvensis* L.  
spurge, leafy — *Euphorbia esula* L.  
tansy, common — *Tanacetum vulgare* L.  
thistle, Canada — *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop.  
toadflax, Dalmatian — *Linaria dalmatica* (L.) Mill.  
toadflax, yellow — *Linaria vulgaris* Mill.