

# WEEDS

Did you know that Parkland County is home to many prohibited noxious and noxious weed species? Plants are considered “noxious” when they spread uncontrolled, are difficult to manage, and are invasive in nature.

These plants:

- infest pastures and crops
- alter natural habitats
- compete with our native plants
- affect animal, insect and bird species
- are costly to control.

Prohibited noxious and noxious weeds are to be controlled as required under the Province of Alberta’s Weed Control Act. All landowners have the responsibility to control prohibited noxious and noxious weeds on their lands.

Noxious weeds do not adhere to our borders or fencelines. It is up to all of us to help prevent their spread.

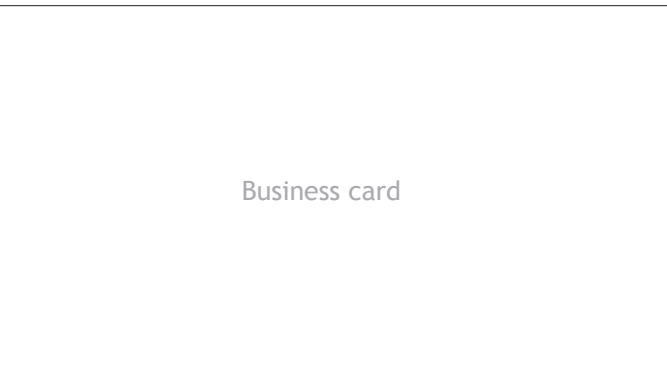
**During an inspection for prohibited noxious and noxious weeds in your area, it was noted there are noxious weeds growing on your property. Please refer inside for more information.**



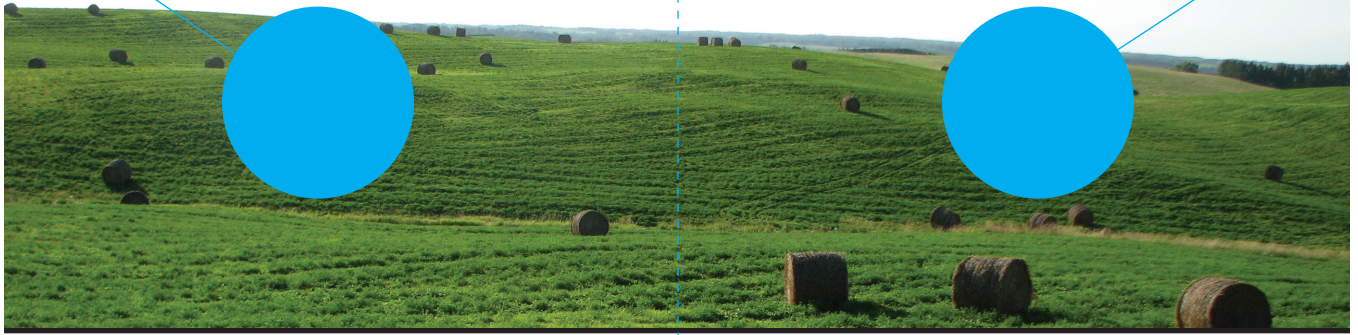
For information on how to control the weeds identified on your property, please contact Parkland County Agricultural Services at 780-968-8467 or visit our website at [www.parklandcounty.com](http://www.parklandcounty.com).

### Prevention is best!

- Inspect your entire property regularly and control weeds early.
- Keep vehicles clean - they transport weed seeds.
- A healthy lawn can overpower most weeds.
- Be cautious when planting wildflower seed mixes - noxious weed seeds have been identified in some mixes.



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### Canada Thistle

- Purplish flowers with distinctive fluff in late summer. Leaves are prickly.



### Scentsless Chamomile

- Multiple daisy flowers. Leaves are fine and feathery.



### Ox-eye Daisy

- Single flowers on long, slender stems. Shallow roots and wide, glossy leaves.



### Tall Buttercup

- Glossy yellow flowers in clusters. Hairy leaves, deeply-lobed into three to five segments.



### Orange Hawkweed

- Multiple flower heads with red-orange petals. Leaves are spatula-shaped, narrow and hairy.



### Purple Loosestrife

- Flowers clustered vertically along stem. Leaves are smooth, lance-shaped, and notched at stem.



### Perennial Sow Thistle

- Prickly leaves, hollow stems with milky juice. Flowers are yellow that turn to fluff.



### Yellow Toadflax

- Flowers resemble snapdragons. Reproduces by seeds and roots.



### Leafy Spurge

- Long, narrow, waxy leaves with greenish-yellow umbrella-shaped flowers.



### Field Scabious

- Flowers are blue to purple, leaves are deeply divided.



### Common Tansy

- Clusters of yellow "button" heads and deeply-toothed leaves



### White Cockle

- Five white, deeply-notched flower petals, prominent oval leaves.

