

***State of Oregon Laws & Regulations on Noxious Weeds***

**Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 569 — Weed Control (excerpts)**

**569.180 Noxious weeds as public nuisance; policy.** In recognition of the imminent and continuous threat to natural resources, watershed health, livestock, wildlife, land and agricultural products of this state, and in recognition of the widespread infestations and potential infestations of noxious weeds throughout this state, noxious weeds are declared to be a public nuisance and shall be detected, controlled and, where feasible, eradicated on all lands in this state. It is declared to be the policy of this state that priority shall be given first to the prevention of new infestations of noxious weeds and then to the control and, where feasible, eradication of noxious weeds in infested areas.

**569.350 Necessity of eradication of weeds; cooperation in control and eradication.** Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on state, county and federally owned lands, as well as on property in individual ownership and in transition to county ownership through tax delinquency, that they hereby are declared a menace to the public welfare. While it is recognized that complete eradication may not be practicable, it hereby is established that steps leading to eradication and control are necessary and that responsibility rests not only on the individual landowner and operator but also on the county, state and federal government, and that the county, state and federal government should cooperate with individual owners in the control and eradication of noxious weed pests. [Formerly 570.505]

**569.355 State and counties to control noxious weeds.** The state and the respective counties shall control any weeds designated as noxious by the state or the respective counties in any such county on land under their respective ownerships.

***What is a noxious weed and where did it come from?***

**What is a noxious weed?** A weed is designated noxious when it is considered by a governmental agency to be injurious to public health, agriculture, recreation, wildlife, or property (Oregon Administrative Law 603-052-1200). Most noxious weeds are non-native plants that are serious pests causing economic loss and harm the environment. Noxious weeds choke out crops, destroy range and pasture lands, clog waterways, affect human and animal health, and threaten native plant communities.

**How did noxious weeds get here and where did they come from?** Most of Oregon's least desirable weeds are of Mediterranean, European, and Asian origin. The introduction of non-native invasive plants has increased dramatically in the past decade because of the increased ease and speed of world travel and the expansion of global commerce. Local spread of noxious weeds can be natural by wind, water, and animals; but human activities such as, recreation, vehicle travel, and the movement of contaminated equipment, products, and livestock often greatly increase the distance and rate of dispersal.

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## *Designation of Noxious Weeds in Union County*

Noxious Weeds shall be designated Class “A”, Class “B”, or Agricultural Class “B”.

Class “A” designated weed is a **priority noxious weed** designated by the Union County Commissioners as a **target weed species** on which the Weed Control District will comply with a statewide management plan and/or implement a county wide plan for intensive control and monitoring. An “A” rated weed may also be a weed of known economic importance which occurs in small enough infestations to make containment/eradication possible; or one that is not known to occur here, but its presence in neighboring counties make future occurrence here seem imminent.

*Recommended Action: Infestations are subject to **intensive control** when and where found. Education through a county website.*

Class “B” designated weed is a **weed of economic importance**, which is both locally abundant and abundant in neighboring counties.

*Recommended Action: **Intensive control** at the county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated county management plan is not feasible, **biological control** (when available) shall be the primary control method.*

Agricultural Class “B” designated weed is a **weed of economic importance within agricultural areas of the County**, which is both locally abundant and abundant in neighboring counties.

*Recommended Action: **Control** and/or **monitoring** within agricultural and Right-Of-Way areas. Provide assistance to agricultural producers in control when feasible.*

### CLASS “A” WEEDS

<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	Black henbane
<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	Common bugloss
<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	Common crupina
<i>Tanacetum vulgare L.</i>	Common tansy
<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	Dyer's woad
<i>Alliaria pettiolata</i>	Garlic mustard
<i>Setaria faberi</i>	Giant foxtail
<i>Hieracium spp.</i>	Hawkweed complex
<i>Hieracium piloselloides</i>	King-devil hawkweed
<i>Hieracium pratense</i>	Meadow hawkweed
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	Mouse-ear hawkweed

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<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Orange hawkweed
<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>	Yellow hawkweed
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	Hoary alyssum ( <i>within the Grande Ronde and Wolf Creek Drainage</i> )
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary cress -- White top
<i>Polygonum (Fallopia)</i>	Knotweed complex ( <i>in or adjacent to waterways</i> )
<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	Giant knotweed
<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	Japanese knotweed
<i>Polygonum polystachyum</i>	Himalayan knotweed
<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>	Hybrid or bohemian knotweed
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy spurge ( <i>greater than 1 mile from the Grande Ronde River</i> )
<i>Centaurea pratensis</i>	Meadow knapweed ( <i>outside the Cove area</i> )
<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>	Mediterranean sage
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	Musk thistle
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	Myrtle spurge ( <i>outside of residential areas</i> )
<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	Palmer amaranth
<i>Lepidium latifolium L.</i>	Perennial pepperweed
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	Plumeless thistle
<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>	Ravenna grass
<i>Silene coronaria</i>	Rose campion ( <i>outside of residential areas</i> )
<i>Chondrilla juncea L.</i>	Rush skeletonweed
<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	Russian knapweed
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Tansy ragwort
<i>Carduus cinereus</i>	Turkish thistle
<i>Abutilon theophrasti Medic.</i>	Velvetleaf
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Viper's bugloss
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow starthistle ( <i>outside the established containment areas, Little Creek to Rhinehart Lane and Union-Cove Hwy</i> )
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	Yellow Toadflax

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### CLASS "B" WEEDS

<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Armenian (Himalayan) blackberry
<i>Solanum dulcamara L.</i>	Bittersweet nightshade
<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	Buffalo bur
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada thistle
<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian toadflax
<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	Diffuse knapweed
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog rose
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	Hoary cress -- Whitetop ( <i>within Powder River basin</i> )
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Houndstongue
<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	Jointed goatgrass
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy spurge ( <i>within 1 mile of Grande Ronde River</i> )
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	Medusahead rye
<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum L.</i>	Oxeye daisy ( <i>outside of residential areas</i> )
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Poison hemlock
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Puncturevine
<i>Lythrum salicaria L.</i>	Purple loosestrife
<i>Tamarisk ramosissima</i>	Saltcedar
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch thistle
<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	Spotted knapweed
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	Sulfur cinquefoil
<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>	Sweet briar rose
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree of heaven
<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	Ventenata grass (North Africa grass, Wiregrass)
<i>Daucus carota L.</i>	Wild carrot – Queen Anne’s lace
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow flag iris
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow starthistle ( <i>within containment areas, Little Creek to Rinehart Lane and Union-Cove Hwy</i> )

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**AGRICULTURAL CLASS “B” WEEDS**

<i>Galium aparine</i>	Catchweed bedstraw
<i>Helianthus Annuus</i>	Common/ Wild sunflowers
<i>Agrostis stolonifera var. palustris</i>	Creeping bentgrass (GMO-Roundup resistant)
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Horseweed – Mares tail
<i>Kochia scoparia</i>	Kochia
<i>Agropyron repens</i>	Quackgrass
<i>Salsola tenuifolia</i>	Russian thistle