

Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds

To All Property Owners in Clarke County, IA

You are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, and amendments thereto; the Board of Supervisors and the appointed Weed Commissioner of Clarke County, Iowa declare that owners or persons in control of the real estate within said county shall eradicate all Class A noxious weeds and **control** all Class B noxious weeds.

The following recommended dates are guidelines only. All Class A noxious weeds to be eradicated and all Class B noxious weeds to be controlled from Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, 21-58.4(317) are listed below. Measures of control shall take place at such time, in each year, and in such manner as shall prevent such weeds from blooming or coming to maturity throughout the growing season. Weather conditions may cause weeds to mature several weeks ahead of normal and consequently require control measures prior to the listed dates. Any landowner with property under CRP contract with the USDA is encouraged to consult with their local office and must abide by contract requirements.

Propriety Weed Species as specified by IDALS Admin. Code 58(2019)

Class A noxious weeds for eradication include:

May 15, 2024 - Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*).

Class B noxious weeds for control include:

June 1, 2024

- a. Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).
- b. Teasel (*Dipsacus* spp.) biennial.
- c. Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*).
- d. Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*).
- e. Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*).
- f. European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*).
- g. All other species of thistles belonging in the genus of *Carduus*. (Musk Thistle, etc.)

Other Noxious Weed Species listed in Chapter 317.1(A) to be controlled are:

Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Horse Nettle, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Butter print, Cocklebur, Wild Mustard, Wild Carrot, Buckhorn Plantain, Sheep Sorrel, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Poison Hemlock, Wild Sunflower, Puncture Vine and Shatter cane.

In Case of Landowners and tenants failing to comply with any order to destroy weeds made pursuant to Chapter 317, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture Administrative Code, and amendments thereto, the Weed Commissioner or Deputies assigned by the Weed Commissioner may enter private lands five days after service a destruction notice in order to conduct control on any weed infestation. The cost of this destruction, the cost of serving notice, and other related costs will be billed. If the bill is not paid, the cost of said destruction will be assessed to the tax roles of the weed violator. Also, the weed commissioner may pose a fine for each day of non-compliance up to then days at the rate of ten dollars per day.