

**The following plant species are currently listed as noxious weeds in Nevada:**

**Category A:** Weeds not found in, or found in limited distribution, throughout the state. Control is required by the state for all infestations.

- African rue
- Austrian fieldcress
- Austrian peaweed
- Black henbane
- Camelthorn
- Common crupina
- Dalmatian toadflax
- Dyer's woad
- Eurasian water-milfoil
- Giant reed
- Giant salvinia
- Goats rue
- Green fountain grass
- Houndstongue
- Hydrilla
- Iberian starthistle
- Klamath weed
- Malta starthistle
- Mayweed chamomile
- Mediterranean sage
- Purple loosestrife
- Purple starthistle
- Rush skeletonweed
- Sow thistle
- Spotted knapweed
- Squarrose knapweed
- Sulfur cinquefoil
- Syrian bean caper
- Yellow starthistle
- Yellow toadflax

**Category B:** Weeds established in scattered populations in some counties of the state. Control is required by the state in areas where populations are not well established or were previously unknown to occur.

- Carolina horse nettle
- Diffuse knapweed
- Leafy spurge
- Medusahead
- Musk thistle
- Russian knapweed
- Sahara mustard
- Scotch thistle
- White horse nettle



▲ Category B:  
Diffuse knapweed

**Category C:** Weeds currently established and generally widespread in many counties of the state. Abatement is at the discretion of the state quarantine officer.

- Canada thistle
- Hoary cress
- Johnson grass
- Perennial pepperweed
- Poison hemlock
- Puncturevine
- Saltcedar (tamarisk)
- Water hemlock



▲ Category C:  
Canada thistle



▲ Category A:  
Dalmatian toadflax

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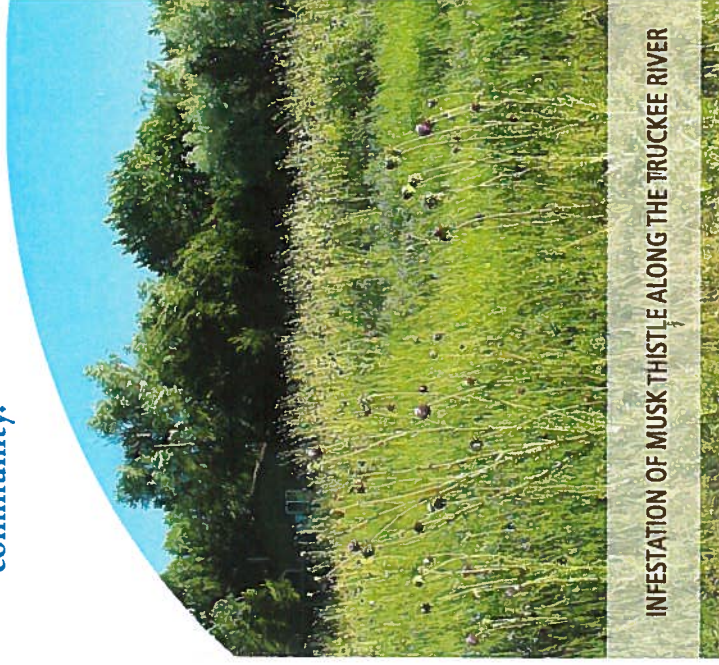


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# Noxious Weeds

## How do they affect you?

What Nevada law says about your role in controlling noxious and invasive weeds in your community.



INFESTATION OF MUSK THISTLE ALONG THE TRUCKEE RIVER



**S**ome plant species, designated as “noxious weeds,” are so detrimental to our environment and economy that they have been placed on a special list in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

*Noxious plant species affect Nevada’s lands, both in cities and in rural areas. Whether you own land or simply enjoy walking through a park or other recreational area, chances are that you have encountered an area damaged by noxious plant species.*

*You may not recognize these plants or understand how destructive they can be. But, noxious plant species affect us in many ways:*

- 🌿 **RECREATION**  
Thorny, spiny plants make trails and streams inaccessible.
- 🏡 **REAL ESTATE VALUES**  
The presence of noxious weeds decreases property values.
- 🌾 **AGRICULTURE**  
The cost of controlling weeds in crops drives up food prices.
- 🌳 **RANGELAND**  
Invasive plants are often flammable and increase fire intensity and frequency, and crowd out forage plants.
- 🌿 **ENVIRONMENT**  
Invasive species out-compete native species, decreasing biodiversity and wildlife habitat.

To learn more about Nevada’s noxious weeds, visit:

[www.unce.unr.edu/publications](http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications)

## Noxious Weed Control Who’s responsibility is it?

The Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS 555) contains a section titled, “Inspection and Destruction of Noxious Weeds.” This section states that control of noxious weeds is the responsibility of every landowner and occupant of Nevada.

**Here are some excerpts from the statutes.**

**NRS 555.150**  
Every landowner or occupier, whether private, city, county or federal shall cut, destroy or eradicate all noxious weeds as required by the State quarantine officer.

**NRS 555.160**  
The State quarantine officer shall ascertain the name of the owner or occupant of infested lands. The State quarantine officer may serve notice in writing upon the owner or occupant to cut, destroy or eradicate the weeds within such a time and in such a manner as described in the notice.

**NRS 555.170**  
Should the owner or occupant fail, neglect, or refuse to comply, the State quarantine officer may notify the board of county commissioners for the county in which the property is situated. The county board of commissioners shall proceed to have cut, destroyed, or eradicated the weeds in accordance with the initial notice.

**NRS 555.180**  
Control costs not paid by the owner shall result in a lien against the property and shall be collected as provided by the law for the collection of other liens.

### **NRS 555.202 - 208**

This chapter provides for the creation of weed districts that would be authorized to undertake the above steps to control weeds designated by the districts.

The full text of these and related laws can be found online at:

[www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-555.html](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-555.html)

*Noxious weeds like hoary cress (left) and yellow starbistle (below) are so detrimental to our environment and economy that they have been placed on a special list in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).*

