

OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Union County, Iowa THAT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14 July 1, 2018 and 317.25 2001 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

THAT EACH OWNER AND EACH PERSON in the possession or control of any land in Union County shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this Chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said land free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed immediately and **as often thereafter as is necessary** to prevent seed production.

317.1A NOXIOUS WEEDS

a. Primary noxious weeds, which shall include:

- (1) Quack grass (*Elymus repens*).
- (2) Perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*).
- (3) Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*).
- (4) Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*).
- (5) European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*).
- (6) Horse nettle (*Solanum carolinense*).
- (7) Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*).
- (8) Perennial pepper-grass (*Cardaria draba*).
- (9) Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*).
- (10) Buckthorn (*Rhamnus* spp., not to include *Frangula alnus*, syn. *Rhamnus frangula*).
- (11) All other species of thistles belonging in the genera of *Cirsium* and *Carduus* (Musk Thistle).
- (12) Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*).

All weeds on the primary weeds list must be controlled starting May 15, 2023, meaning before weeds going to seed.

THAT IF THE OWNERS OR PERSON in possession or control of any land in Union County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate upon which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

Anyone wishing **not** to have noxious weeds sprayed in any given area, he or she shall sign an agreement at the County Weed Commissioner's Office and shall furnish their own signs to be posted on each side of the area designated and shall be responsible to destroy such weeds, **all season**.

P E N A L T Y

For failure to comply by the date prescribed in an order pursuant to Chapter 317, up to ten (10) days, for destruction of weeds, the Weed Commissioner may have the weeds destroyed and the costs assessed back to the owner, or may impose a penalty of \$20.00 per day for each day the owner of the land fails to comply.

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| May 15, 2023 | Musk Thistle, Perennial Pepper Grass |
| June 2, 2023 | Leafy Spurge, Poison Hemlock |
| June 20, 2023 | Canadian Thistle, Russian Knapweed |
| July 1, 2023 | Palmer Amaranth (burn on location only) |
| July 16, 2023 | Multi-flora Rose and Teasel |

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