

# WEED PATROL FACT SHEET

## GOT WEEDS?

Prohibited noxious weeds pose a serious threat and must be eradicated. These weeds spread rapidly and are highly competitive. Weeds in this category are restricted to prevent establishment in Alberta.

Noxious weeds are to be controlled as required under provincial legislation; the Alberta Weed Control Act. All landowners are responsible for controlling noxious weeds on their lands.

Noxious weeds may be controlled by hand pulling, digging, mowing or using an appropriate herbicide as per label directions.

## PREVENTION

- Learn what an invasive plant looks like.
- Beware of wildflower mixes. Be sure all species are listed and are non-invasive. Do not collect roadside plants.
- Avoid open spaces where weed seeds can thrive. Cover bare patches with mulches or ground covers.
- Inspect your property regularly for early identification and control of noxious weeds.
- Stop weeds before they go to seed.
- Remove hitchhiking weeds from the undercarriage of vehicles to reduce the spread to uninfected areas.
- Check clothing and pets for weed seeds prior to leaving an area.

## IDENTIFY

Here are some weeds to look for ...

### Oxeye Daisy

Long smooth stems with single white flowers that have 20 to 30 petals.



### Canada Thistle

Urn-shaped flower head. Stems are hollow, woody and branch near the top.



### Scentless Chamomile

Yellow centre with white petals. Highly branched and can grow to 1 metre tall.



### Dames' Rocket

Erect stems, several per plant. White, lavender-pink or purple flowers, with four petals.



### Yellow Clematis

Yellow flowers that turn quickly to white puff balls. Rapidly climbs trees and fences.



### Creeping Bellflower

Erect stems that grow to 1 metre. Nodding light purple flowers.



### Common Toadflax

Bright yellow spiked flowers with a long spur. Resembles a snapdragon.



### Field Scabious

Stems are erect, hairy, sparsely branched with small, violet-blue to purple flowers.



### Leafy Spurge

Stems are thickly clustered, smooth and hairless with small, yellowish-green flowers.



The towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley wish to thank the residents for doing their part in keeping our towns free of invasive weeds.



*Not sure it's a weed? A weed inspector can help you identify any plants you are unsure of. This is a free service.*

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