

Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds

To All Property Owners in Lucas 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 Lucas County, Iowa declare that owners or persons in control of 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 a 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 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.

Priority Weed Species as specified by Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 58 & Iowa Code 2023 Chapter 317

Class A Noxious Weeds for eradication include: May 15, 2025 —Palmer Amaranth

Class B Noxious Weeds for control include:

Group 1: May 15, 2025 — Leafy Spurge

Group 2: June 15, 2025 — Canada Thistle, Teasel (biennial), and Multiflora Rose

Group 3: June 30, 2025—European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed, Bull Thistle

Other Noxious Weed Species listed in Chapter 317. I (A) to be controlled are:

Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Horse Nettle,

Perennial Pepper-Grass, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn (Rhamnus spp., not to include Frangula alnus, syn.

Rhamnus frangula), All other species of Thistles belonging in the genera of Cirsium and Carduus, Butterprint

(annual), Cocklebur (annual), Wild Mustard (annual), Wild Carrot (biennial), Buckhorn (perennial), Sheep Sorrel


(perennial), Sour Dock (perennial), Smooth dock (perennial), Poison Hemlock, Wild Sunflower (annual),

Puncture Vine (annual), Shattercane (annual).

In case of landowners and tenants failing to comply with an order to destroy weeds made pursuant to Chapter 317, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Code, and amendments thereto, the Weed Commissioner or Deputies assigned by the Weed Commissioner may enter private lands five days after serving 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 rolls of the weed violator. Also, the weed commissioner may pose a fine for each day of noncompliance up to ten days at the rate of ten dollars per day.


BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LUCAS COUNTY

Passed and approved this 19th day of March, 2025


Larry Davis, Chairman


Dianna Daly-Husted, Weed Commissioner

ATTEST:


Julie Masters, Lucas County Auditor