



# Weed Management Plan

Instructions: Complete form and submit to West Fargo Code Enforcement Officer. Any questions or comments can be directed to West Fargo Public Works at 701-433-5400.

West Fargo Public Works Department

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<b>Location/Address:</b>	
<b>Owner:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Contact Phone/Email:</b>	
<b>Development or subdivision:</b>	
<b>Contractor Name:</b>	
<b>Contractor Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Contractor Phone/Email:</b>	

**Planned Weed Control Measure:**     **Mowing**     **Tillage**     **Herbicide Spray**

**Other (describe)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

By signing above, the Applicant agrees to perform all work in accordance with the City of West Fargo Public Nuisance Ordinance 15-0305 and the North Dakota Noxious Weed Law, NDCC 4.1-47, to indemnify and hold harmless the City of West Fargo, its officers and employees from all liability, judgments, costs, expenses, and claims growing out of damages, or alleged damages, of any nature whatsoever, to any person or property arising out of performance or nonperformance of said work.

**Weed Control:** All landowners or operators of the land are required to control noxious weeds as per North Dakota Century Code chapter 4.1-47-02, “Each person shall do all things necessary and proper to control the spread of noxious weeds”. All subdivision applications which involve grading, intensive vegetation clearing, excavation, and/or stockpiling of soil, clay fill, aggregate materials, or any such material stockpiles that will harbor and promote noxious and invasive weed growth shall provide a weed management plan. The following measures are effective in controlling the spread of noxious and invasive weeds:

1. Mowing weed growth prior to flowering;
2. Cultivating or burying plant material to kill weeds prior to flowering; and
3. Spraying appropriate herbicides prior to flowering, preferably when plants are small.

The following best management practices can be employed to make weed control measures easier to achieve:

1. Contour all stockpile materials so that weed control equipment can traverse and perform weed control measure of choice.
2. Monitor all areas of construction, equipment staging, roadways and other areas where topsoil is disturbed for weed growth. Conduct appropriate control measures in a timely manner.
3. Monitor all undisturbed sites for weed growth, i.e. former cropland, pasture fields, wetlands, etc. Conduct appropriate control measures in a timely manner.
4. Monitor areas reseeded into permanent grass vegetation or trees for weed growth on a yearly basis. Conduct appropriate control measures in a timely manner.
5. Source all surface applied aggregate products from inspected and approved aggregate mining or stockpile operations that provide a Certificate of Compliance stating that noxious and invasive weeds are controlled.

**Failure to Comply:** Failure to control noxious weeds on any area of the construction site will be a violation of this plan. Any violation will be abated by the City of West Fargo. Those costs and an administrative fee will be assessed against the property.

### **Noxious weeds in North Dakota as listed in NDCC 7-06-01**

Weeds declared noxious shall be confined to weeds that are difficult to control, easily spread, and injurious to public health, crops, livestock, land, or other property. The following weeds have been declared noxious within the state of North Dakota Century Code per chapter 4.1-47

- Absinth wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium* L.)
- Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop.)
- Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria genistifolia* spp. *damatica*)
- Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa* Lam.)
- Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula* L.)
- Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans* L.)
- Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria* L., *Lythrum virgatum* L. and all cultivars)
- Russian knapweed (*Centaurea repens* L.)
- Saltcedar (*Tamarisk* spp.)
- Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa* Lam.)
- Yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)

Educational Resources can be located at [www.casscountynd.gov/county/Boards/Weed](http://www.casscountynd.gov/county/Boards/Weed)

A Guide to North Dakota Noxious and Troublesome Weeds, Dr. Rodney G. Lym.