

2020 Noxious Weed List

The Minnesota Noxious Weed Law (Minnesota Statutes 18.75-18.91) defines a noxious weed as an annual, biennial, or perennial plant that the Commissioner of Agriculture designates to be injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property. The law protects residents of the state from the injurious effects of noxious weeds. Links to the online lists and species pages can be found at this link: [Minnesota Noxious Weed List](#)

Prohibited Noxious Weeds

Attempts must be made by all landowners to control or eradicate species on these lists. These species cannot be transported illegally or sold in Minnesota. There are two Prohibited categories: Eradicate and Control.

Prohibited Eradicate – Must be eradicated by killing the above and below-ground parts of the plant.

| | Common name | Scientific name | Year added |
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| 1. | Black swallow-wort | <i>Cynanchum louiseae</i> Kartesz & Gandhi | 2013 |
| 2. | Brown knapweed | <i>Centaurea jacea</i> L. | 2013 |
| 3. | Common teasel | <i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> L. | 2012 |
| 4. | Cutleaf teasel | <i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i> L. | 2012 |
| 5. | Dalmatian toadflax | <i>Linaria dalmatica</i> (L.) Mill. | 2012 |
| 6. | Diffuse knapweed | <i>Centaurea diffusa</i> L. | 2017 |
| 7. | Giant hogweed* | <i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i> Sommier & Levier | 2012 |
| 8. | Grecian foxglove | <i>Digitalis lanata</i> Ehrh. | 2010 |
| 9. | Japanese honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb. | 2020 |
| 10. | Japanese hops | <i>Humulus japonicus</i> Siebold & Zucc. | 2012 |
| 11. | Meadow knapweed | <i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i> C.E. Britton | 2013 |
| 12. | Oriental bittersweet | <i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> Thunb. | 2011 |
| 13. | Palmer amaranth | <i>Amaranthus palmeri</i> S. Watson | 2015 |
| 14. | Poison hemlock | <i>Conium maculatum</i> L. | 2018 |
| 15. | Tree of heaven | <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Mill.) Swingle | 2017 |
| 16. | Yellow starthistle* | <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> L. | 2010 |

*Species not known to be in Minnesota, but have been determined to be a threat to invade the state.

Prohibited Control – Must be controlled to prevent the maturation and spread of propagating parts.

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| 1. | Bohemian knotweed | <i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i> (J. Chrtek & Chrtkova) Zika & Jacobson | 2020 |
| 2. | Canada thistle | <i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop. | 1872 |
| 3. | Common barberry | <i>Berberis vulgaris</i> L. | 2017 |
| 4. | Common tansy | <i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> L. | 2010 |
| 5. | Giant knotweed | <i>Polygonum sachalinense</i> F. Schmidt ex Maxim | 2014 |
| 6. | Japanese knotweed | <i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> Seibold & Zucc. | 2014 |
| 7. | Leafy spurge | <i>Euphorbia esula</i> L. | 1992 |
| 8. | Narrowleaf bittercress | <i>Cardamine impatiens</i> L. | 2012 |
| 9. | Plumeless thistle | <i>Carduus acanthoides</i> L. | 1975 |
| 10. | Purple loosestrife | <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> (L.) | 1992 |
| 11. | Spotted knapweed | <i>Centaurea stoebe</i> L. ssp. <i>micranthos</i> (Gugler) Hayek | 2001 |
| 12. | Wild parsnip | <i>Pastinaca sativa</i> L. (except for non-wild cultivated varieties) | 2010 |

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|----|--------------------|--|------|
| 1. | Amur honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Rupr.) Herder | 2017 |
| 2. | Bell's honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera x bella</i> Zabel | 2017 |

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| 3. | Black locust | <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L. | 2017 |
| 4. | Common or European buckthorn | <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> L. | 1999 |
| 5. | Crown vetch | <i>Securigera varia</i> (L.) Lassen – Formerly named <i>Coronilla varia</i> L. | 2017 |
| 6. | European alder | <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> (L.) Gaertn. | 2020 |
| 7. | Garlic mustard | <i>Alliaria petiolata</i> (M. Bieb.) Cavara & Grande | 2013 |
| 8. | Glossy buckthorn (all cultivars) | <i>Frangula alnus</i> Mill. | 1999 |
| 9. | Japanese barberry cultivars** | <i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC. | 2015 |
| 10. | Morrow's honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera morrowii</i> A. Gray | 2017 |
| 11. | Multiflora rose | <i>Rosa multiflora</i> Thunb. | 2012 |
| 12. | Non-native phragmites | <i>Phragmites australis</i> (Cav.) Trin ex Steud. ssp. <i>australis</i> | 2013 |
| 13. | Porcelain berry | <i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i> (Maxim.) Trautv. | 2017 |
| 14. | Siberian peashrub | <i>Caragana arborescens</i> Lam. (exemption for Green Spires® Caragana - Caragana 'Jefarb') | 2020 |
| 15. | Tatarian honeysuckle | <i>Lonicera tatarica</i> L. | 2017 |
| 16. | Wild carrot/Queen Anne's lace | <i>Daucus carota</i> L. | 2017 |

**Japanese Barberry Cultivars Regulated as Restricted Noxious Weeds in Minnesota. Please visit the [Japanese barberry species page](#) for a list of the restricted cultivars.

Specially Regulated Plants – Shall be handled, controlled or eradicated according to specified regulations.

1. Amur maple (*Acer ginnala* Maxim.) 2017. Sellers shall affix a label that advises buyers to only plant Amur maple and its cultivars in landscapes where the seedlings will be controlled by mowing or other means. Amur maple should be planted at least 100 yards from natural areas.
2. Norway maple (*Acer platanoides* L.) 2020. Sellers shall affix a label that advises “Norway maple should only be planted in areas where the seedlings will be controlled or eradicated by mowing or other means. Norway maple seed is wind dispersed so trees should not be planted closer than 100 yards from natural areas.”
3. Poison ivy including eastern poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans* L.Kuntze) and western poison ivy (*T. rydbergii* Small ex Rhdb Greene) 2010. Must be eradicated or controlled for public safety along rights-of-ways, trails, public accesses, business properties open to the public or on parts of lands where public access for business or commerce is granted. Must also be eradicated or controlled along property borders when requested by adjoining landowners.
4. Winged burning bush (*Euonymus alatus* Thunb.) 2020. Three-year production phase-out period, after which sale of this species will be prohibited and the species will move to the Restricted list in 2023.

County Noxious Weeds

[M.S. 18.771\(e\) County Noxious Weeds](#) are plants designated by county boards to be enforced as prohibited control noxious weeds within the county’s jurisdiction and must be approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Counties are solely responsible for enforcement. Contact your local [County Agricultural Inspector or Designated Employee](#) for more information on County Noxious Weeds and the process for adding species to a County Noxious Weed List. Please visit the [County Approved Noxious Weeds page](#) for a list of counties with designated county noxious weeds.

Local Ordinances

Townships and municipalities can also use their local ordinance process to regulate plant species that are not listed by the county or state. Enforcement of species listed via a municipal ordinance is the responsibility of municipal authorities and cannot be regulated under or associated with the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law M.S. 18.75 – 18.91.

Additional resources

MDA Website - www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/noxious-and-invasive-weed-program

MN DOT Website - www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf

MN DNR Website - www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/index.html

MN BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Areas - <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/cwma/CWMA.html>