

## Noxious Weeds & Hay Cutting in Ditches Official Notice 2025

In accordance with [NDCC 4.1-47-02](#), it shall be the duty of every person (individual, partnership, firm, corporation, company, society, association, the state or any department, agency or subdivision thereof, or any other entity) to eradicate or control the spread of noxious weeds on lands owned or controlled by him/her in the state of North Dakota. Control means to prevent the spread of any noxious weed by seed or any other propagating part. Such parts must not be transported in any manner. Penalties are provided for in [NDCC 4.1-47-31](#).

The Burleigh County Noxious Weed Control Board will spray portions of the road ditches with herbicides for noxious weed control. Some of the herbicides used may have a haying or grazing restriction, meaning a certain amount of time must pass after herbicide application and before haying or grazing operations may begin. These restrictions are determined by the herbicide label.

Operators who wish to cut and make ditch hay, should contact the Weed Control Officer to determine if and when a specific area has been treated and what the restriction timeline is. Operators wishing to not have their ditches sprayed prior to haying should also contact the Weed Control Office at 8100 43RD AVE NE, Bismarck, ND 58503, phone 701-934-0088 or 701-204-7748.

**NOTICE: Cost share monies are available. Contact the Burleigh County Weed Officer to sign up.**

The following weeds have been declared noxious for the purpose of [NDCC 4.1-47](#):

Absinth wormwood	( <i>Artemisia absinthum</i> )	August
Canada Thistle	( <i>Cirsium arvense</i> )	July
Dalmatian Toadflax	( <i>Linaria Vulgaris</i> )	July
Diffuse Knapweed	( <i>Centaurea diffusa</i> )	July
Hounds Tongue (County list only)	( <i>Cynoglossum officinate l.</i> )	Mid-June
Leafy Spurge	( <i>Euphorbia esula</i> )	May/June
Musk Thistle	( <i>Carduus nutans</i> )	July
Palmer amaranth	( <i>Amaranthus palmeri</i> )	Late spring/ Fall
Purple Loose Strife	( <i>Lythrum species</i> )	July
Russian Knapweed	( <i>Centaurea repens</i> )	July
Salt Cedar	( <i>Taxarix ramosissima</i> )	Mid-summer/Fall
Spotted Knapweed	( <i>Centaurea maculosa</i> )	July
Yellow Toad Flax	( <i>Linaria vulgaris</i> )	July/September

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