

Dickinson County Weed Commissioner

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REGIONAL---Dickinson County weed commissioner Douglas Todey has released the 2021 noxious weed policy.

“That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Dickinson County shall cut, burn or otherwise control all noxious weeds thereon,” the policy states, “and in such manner shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth.”

Each landowner must control all noxious weeds prior to the listed dates:

June 21: Leafy spurge, Russian knapweed, Buckthorn, Multiflora rose, Quackgrass, Musk thistle

July 19: Canada thistle, Field bindweed, Bull thistle, Purple loosestrife, Palmer amaranth, Plumeless thistle, Perennial sow thistle

However, these are only guidelines. Weather conditions may cause weeds to mature ahead of normal and may require control measures prior to the listed dates.

“There are many ways to control noxious weeds and that varies greatly depending on the size of the infestation and what species it involves. Control can be anything from hand pulling a small number of plants to using a chainsaw or forestry mower to cut down bigger woody species,” Todey said.

Home and landowners should check their green spaces to analyze if they have any noxious weeds. If anyone has trouble identifying any possible noxious weeds, Todey suggested utilizing sites such as the Iowa State Extension, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Iowa Weed Commissioner’s websites that all have guide to invasive plants with recommended methods and timings of control.

If landowners need advice, Todey is willing to help anyone to avoid being fined as noncompliance requires that fines be assessed

“If there is a weed complaint on an area of land, I will work with the landowner to ensure that it is controlled by the date laid out in the 2021 weed resolution,” Todey said. “Getting the weeds controlled and prevented from going to seed are my main priorities.”

Todey is available to help landowners with plant identification, control strategies and to also take complaints about properties in violation of the noxious weed policy. He can be reached at 712-336-6269 or e-mail dtodey@dickinsoncountyiowa.gov.

For more information on the noxious weed policy, contact Douglas Todey or visit dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/weed-commissioner to read the entire resolution.

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