
WEED CONTROL

Noxious Weed Report Procedure

1. Report/Complaint is received, or Utah County Weed Control personnel found violation.
 - a. Reports can be received in person, by phone, email, or online.
 - b. Online form-link named Report Noxious Weed Infestation in Utah County on Utah County's Weed Control webpage (<https://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/PubWrks/WeedControl.asp>).
2. Utah County Weed Control Board approved inspector physically inspects report/complaint location.
 - a. Every report will be reviewed but if report is not Utah State Declared Weed infestation issue a physical inspection may be skipped. In this scenario proceed to 3.a.i for actions to be taken.
3. Actions possible after inspection:
 - a. No action
 - i. Report of noxious weeds found unsubstantiated or already resolved.
 1. Complaints that are not State of Utah Declared Noxious Weeds will be forwarded to an appropriate agency or department; if applicable.
 2. Reporter informed of findings and actions taken.
 - b. Forwarded to Municipalities
 - i. Many municipalities have Utah State Declared Noxious Weed Species control regulations within their municipal code. Sometimes municipal code is more expansive than Utah County's. For municipalities that have a code enforcement/compliance program to address noxious weed issues, Utah County will forward noxious weed reports to municipalities to address.
 - ii. Reports are forwarded to municipalities electronically.
 - c. Send Individual Notice or Letter -
 - i. Request for Meeting Letter
 1. Intention to inform landowner of infestation on property.
 2. Goal to create collaborative weed control effort.
 3. If no response is received after sending this letter then an individual notice may be sent.
 - ii. Individual Notices
 1. Two types of Individual notice
 - a. Individual notice
 - b. Individual notice for project areas
 - i. grant or agreement funds available for treatment
 2. If no response is received after two individual notices are sent then a Notice of Failure to Comply may be sent.
 3. First two individual notices have 15 days to respond from date on notice. Notice of Failure to Comply has 5 working days to respond or comply.
 4. All notices sent by certified mail or delivered in person.
 5. For more information on Individual Notice Process please review Utah County Noxious Weed Individual Notice Process document.
 - iii. Report/Complaint Letter
 1. This letter is sent to inform landowners of a noxious weed issue on their property.
 2. Infestation is not to an extent that code enforcement not probable to be pursued.
 3. This letter is for Utah State Declared Noxious Weed species that can be found throughout Utah County and are common to find in the area.
 4. Report/Complaint based action only.
 - iv. Myrtle Spurge Letter
 1. Contact with Myrtle Spurge is a health hazard. Myrtle Spurge is poisonous if ingested. Physical Contact can cause rashes, blisters, inflammation, and possibly blindness.

2. Myrtle Spurge is categorized as a Class 4 Utah State Noxious Weeds. The Prohibited classification prohibits the selling or propagation of the species but no code enforcement to eradicate established infestations on properties.
 3. This letter is to inform landowners of Myrtle Spurge Infestation on their property. No code enforcement to be pursued.
 - v. Class 4 Noxious Weed Infestation Letter
 1. For Utah State Declared Noxious weeds categorized as a Class 4 Utah State Noxious Weeds Species
 2. Class 4 Utah State Noxious Weeds are in the Prohibited classification. This classification prohibits the selling or propagation of the species but no code enforcement to eradicate established infestations on properties.
 3. This letter is to inform landowners of Class 4 Infestation on their property; no code enforcement to be pursued.
 4. Report/Complaint based action only.
4. Landowner Response
- a. Perform control measures to address reduce/eradicate species on property.
 - b. Appeal
 - i. Applies only to Individual Notices only.
 - ii. For more information on Individual Notice Process please review Utah County Noxious Weed Individual Notice Process document.
 - c. No Response
 - i. Utah County's following actions to no response will be determined by case-to-case basis. Factors on letters sent, infestation species, and time of year are some of the determining factors. No response may result in no further actions or may lead to further steps to be taken up to declaring a property a public nuisance. If a property is declared a public nuisance code enforcement may take place and expenses incurred may be invoiced to the landowner. If the invoice is not paid a lien may be placed on the property itself. Properties can only be declared a public nuisance by Utah County for Utah State Declared Noxious Weed infestations by following the Utah County Individual Notice Process. For more information on Individual Notice Process please review Utah County Noxious Weed Individual Notice Process document

Note- Reporters will be informed of the action taken when possible unless privacy rights or other considerations are required otherwise upon advice of legal counsel.