



Noxious Weed Complaint Form Instructions

To file a noxious weed complaint under the Pennsylvania Controlled Plants and Noxious Weeds Act, please fill out the Noxious Weed Complaint Form and send it to:

Botany & Weed Specialist

Bureau of Plant Industry

2301 North Cameron Street

Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Fax 717-783-3275

Email: RA-plant@pa.gov

Once received the Department will contact the violating party and inform them of the following:

Controlled Plants and Noxious Weeds Law (act of Oct. 30, 2017, P.L. 774, No. 46) 3 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 1501-1562

Controlled Plants and Noxious Weeds Act Excerpt:

§ 1517. Control orders.

(a) Noxious weeds.--

- (1) The department may issue a control order requiring a person to implement treatment measures for noxious weeds. The control order shall state the general factual and legal basis for the action and shall advise the affected person that, within 15 days of receipt of the control order, the affected person may file with the department a written request for an administrative hearing. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law and procedure).
- (2) The written control order of the department shall be served upon the affected person by personal service or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested.
- (3) The control order shall become final upon the expiration of the 15-day period for requesting an administrative hearing, unless a timely request for a hearing has been filed with the department.

§ 1519. Noxious weed list.

(a) **Class A noxious weeds.** --Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations of noxious weeds in the class is high priority. The following are Class A noxious weeds:

- (1) *Amaranthus palmeri* S. Watson (commonly known as Palmer amaranth).
- (2) *Amaranthus rudis* (commonly known as common waterhemp).
- (3) *Amaranthus tuberculatus* (commonly known as tall waterhemp).
- (4) *Avena sterilis* L. (commonly known as animated oat).
- (5) *Cuscuta* spp., except for native species (commonly known as dodder).
- (6) *Galega officinalis* L. (commonly known as goatsrue).
- (7) *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier (commonly known as giant hogweed).
- (8) *Hydrilla verticillata* (L.f.) Royle (commonly known as hydrilla).
- (9) *Oplismenus hirtellus* (L.) P. Beauv. Subsp. *undulatifolius* (commonly known as Wavyleaf basketgrass).
- (10) *Orobanche* spp., except for native species (commonly known as broomrape).
- (11) *Pueraria lobata* (Willd.) Ohwi (commonly known as kudzu).

(b) **Class B noxious weeds.** --The department may require control of Class B weeds to contain an injurious infestation, or may provide education or technical consultation. The following are Class B noxious weeds:

- (1) *Carduus nutans* L. (commonly known as musk thistle).
- (2) *Cirsium arvense* L. (commonly known as Canada thistle).
- (3) *Cirsium vulgare* L. (commonly known as bull thistle).
- (4) Exotic *Lythrum* species, including *Lythrum salicaria* L. (commonly known as purple loosestrife), the *Lythrum salicaria* complex and *Lythrum virgatum* L. (commonly known as European wand loosestrife), their cultivars and any combination thereof.
- (5) *Persicaria perfoliata* (L.) H. Grass (formerly known as *Polygonum perfoliatum* L.) (commonly known as mile-a-minute weed).
- (6) *Rosa multiflora* L. (commonly known as multiflora rose).
- (7) *Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench (commonly known as shattercane).
- (8) *Sorghum halepense* (L.) Pers. (commonly known as Johnson grass).
- (9) *Conium maculatum* L. (commonly known as poison hemlock).

(c) **Class C noxious weeds.** --Preventing introduction and eradicating infestations of noxious weeds in this class is the highest priority. Class C noxious weeds are any Federal noxious weeds listed in 7 CFR 360.200 (relating to designation of noxious weeds) not established in this Commonwealth which are not referenced above.



Noxious Weed Complaint Form

A) Complainant*:

Name _____

County _____

Township _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

B) Nature of the Complaint:

Noxious weeds, including _____ are growing uncontrolled on this property.

C) Landowner of Infested Site:

Name _____

County _____

Township _____

Address _____

Phone Number(s) (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

D) Specific Location of infestation: (Please attach map & GPS coordinates if available)

(*Additional aggrieved parties may be added on reverse side or appended on additional sheets)

E) Approximate size of weed infestation (Sq. Feet / Acres): _____

F) Have you communicated with the landowner about this weed problem? Yes No

If yes, what was the response?

G) Does your municipality have a weed ordinance? Yes No

If yes, did you contact them about this problem? Yes No

What were the results?

H) Describe the area on your property that is being infested: (circle those that apply)

Agriculture Crop Land Natural Area Lawn Garden Other

Signature of Complainant _____ Date _____

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