



# NOXIOUS WEED AWARENESS

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## Not all flowers are friendly

### IDENTIFY • PREVENT • CONTROL

Did you know the Town of Banff and surrounding Banff National Park are hosts to invasive noxious weed species? Plants are categorized as “noxious” when they are aggressive, difficult to manage and invasive in nature.









#### These noxious plants:

- negatively compete with our native plants
- infest pastures and crops
- affect animal, insect, and bird species
- alter natural habitats
- are costly to control and increase herbicide use within the town and national park

Noxious weeds are to be controlled as required under provincial legislation; the Weed Control Act. All landowners have the responsibility to control noxious weeds on their lands.

**Use this information to help identify noxious weed species. Encourage neighbours to control noxious weeds along with you.**

Noxious weeds do not recognize our borders or fence lines. It is up to all of us to help prevent their spread. A Town Weed Inspector would be happy to stop by for an individual consultation to answer any questions you may have.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Canada Thistle</b>		Purplish flowers with distinctive 'fluff' in late summer. Leaves are prickly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Scentless Chamomile</b>		Multiple daisy flowers. Leaves are fine and feathery.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Common Tansy</b>		Clusters of yellow 'button' heads and deeply toothed leaves.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yellow Toadflax</b>		Flowers resemble snapdragons. Reproduces by seeds and roots.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tall Buttercup</b>		Small yellow flower on a thin green stalk, likes moist areas.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yellow Clematis</b>		Likes to climb trees and fences, yellow flowers that turn to white puff balls.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>White Cockle</b>		Five white, deeply notched flower petals, prominent oval leaves.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ox-eye Daisy</b>		Single flowers are on long slender stems. Shallow roots and wide glossy leaves.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Spotted Knapweed</b>		Multiple purple flowers on long slender stems, as well as deep tap root

### CONTROL

- Under the provincial Weed Control Act, landowners must control these weeds.
- Noxious weeds may be controlled by hand pulling, digging, mowing or using an appropriate herbicide as per label directions.

### PREVENTION IS BEST

- Inspect your entire property regularly and control noxious weeds early.
- Select plants native to our area, they are hardy to our climate, are drought tolerant and are not usually invasive.
- A healthy lawn can overpower most weeds.
- Be cautious when planting non native seed mixes - noxious weed seeds have been identified in the mixes.



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