

# Noxious Weeds

## What are they?

Noxious weeds are non-native plant species that typically become established in sites disturbed by activities that expose soil such as construction and road maintenance. They can be transported to new areas from cars, trucks, construction equipment, all terrain vehicles, wind and by animals.

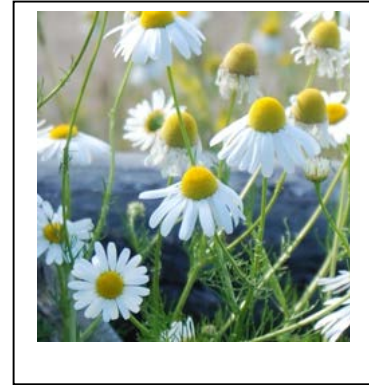
## What noxious weeds are found in Hot Sulphur Springs?

The most common noxious weeds in Hot Sulphur Springs are these.

Canada , Musk, and Bull thistle



Scentless chamomile and oxeye daisy



Yellow toadflax



Most of these weeds occur along road rights of way, in alleys and in Pioneer Park. Yellow toadflax in particular is rapidly expanding on the east end of Pioneer Park.

# Why do we care?

Noxious weeds are aggressive, spread rapidly, and reproduce profusely. These weeds crowd out native plant species, dominate native plant communities, degrade ecosystem integrity, and can reduce property values.

# What can you do?

Some of the most common noxious weeds such as scentless chamomile are very attractive and enjoyable to see in your yard. However they can quickly spread to adjacent property and overtake the general landscape. Property owners are encouraged to control and eradicate these weeds when they occur on their land. Information on effective control methods for specific weed species can be obtained at:

Grand County Department of Natural Resources

Phone: 970-887-0745

<http://co.grand.co.us/DNR/noxiousweeds.html>

Colorado Department of Agriculture

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Agriculture-Main/CDAG/1174084048733>

# What is the Town doing?

Most of the noxious weeds in Hot Sulphur Springs occur on town property in road ditches and rights of way, alleys, and in Pioneer Park. The town has contracted a local, licensed herbicide applicator (Weed Wizard) to spot spray individual weed plants on town property. Spraying will occur in late July and again in September. Private property will not be treated.

If you would prefer that herbicides not be applied on roadsides or alleys adjacent to your property please let Sandy White, Town Clerk, (970.725.3933) know by July 10.

# What herbicides will be used?

The two herbicides that will be used to control noxious weeds in Hot Sulphur Springs are Escort and Milestone. These herbicides are commonly used throughout the county for weed control. They will be sprayed on individual plants, not broadcast sprayed. They are designed to affect plants and have low toxicity to mammals and practically no toxicity to birds. People should stay away from the treated area until the spray has dried. You can control your exposure by using common sense and avoiding the treated area for 12 hours. Accidental exposure may occur from walking across an area still damp from a treatment. However, due to the extremely low use rates and overall safety of the product the dose you would receive is not likely to cause any harm. While spraying will be focused on individual weed plants, it is possible that, on occasion, other plants close to the individual weeds could be affected. Spraying will not occur when wind speed would cause unacceptable drift of the spray. Complete label information is available at the Town Hall or at the following websites:

Milestone:

[http://msdssearch.dow.com/PublishedLiteratureDAS/dh\\_01f4/0901b803801f4441.pdf?filepath=ca/pdfs/noreg/010-20938.pdf&fromPage=GetDoc](http://msdssearch.dow.com/PublishedLiteratureDAS/dh_01f4/0901b803801f4441.pdf?filepath=ca/pdfs/noreg/010-20938.pdf&fromPage=GetDoc)

Escort: [http://www2.dupont.com/Land\\_Management/en\\_US/assets/downloads/pdfs/General/K-14796.pdf](http://www2.dupont.com/Land_Management/en_US/assets/downloads/pdfs/General/K-14796.pdf)