

Madison County Weed District

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Dear Madison County Landowner,

This is a reminder of your legal responsibility to manage **noxious weeds** on your property. These invasive, non-native species threaten Montana's environment by displacing native plants, reducing forage for livestock and wildlife, increasing wildfire risk, promoting soil erosion, and harming agricultural productivity and property values.

Legal Obligation

Under **Montana Code Annotated § 7-22-2115**, noxious weeds are declared a **common nuisance**. It is unlawful to allow them to propagate or go to seed (**§ 7-22-2116**), unless you are in compliance with a weed management plan approved by the Madison County Weed Board. Madison County's Weed Management Plan requires all landowners to manage noxious weeds accordingly.

This letter is informational only—it does not indicate any current violations or pending inspections. Our goal is to raise awareness and encourage proactive management.

Enforcement Process

If the Weed District receives a signed complaint or observes untreated noxious weeds, the landowner may receive a **Notice of Complaint** and be asked to grant access for inspection. If weeds are confirmed, you must submit and follow an approved management plan. Failure to comply may result in enforcement as outlined in **MCA § 7-22-2132 to § 7-22-2134**.

Support & Resources

The Madison County Weed District offers several resources, including:

- A **cost-share program** (up to \$1,250/year) for registered herbicide purchases or hiring licensed commercial applicators
- Herbicide recommendations, application methods, and alternative control strategies
- A list of licensed and insured commercial applicators who can manage your weeds for you
- Help with weed identification and treatment planning
- An equipment rental program that includes pickup slide-in sprayers, a UTV slide-in sprayer, and backpack sprayers

Let's work together to protect Madison County's landscapes and precious natural resources. For assistance or questions, contact us at **406-842-5595** or clayton.marxer@madisoncountymt.gov.

Sincerely,

Clayton Marxer, Coordinator
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