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Noxious weeds produce thousands of seeds which can be viable for 80 years. In addition to these invasive species crowding out native plants, some are poisonous to animals including humans. Most of these weeds are mandated to be removed by the state and/or county. Removal also reduces fire risk.

Type of Noxious Weeds	When to Eradicate	How to Eradicate	Type of Noxious Weeds	When to Eradicate	How to Eradicate
Myrtle Spurge Aka "Donkey Tail" (Perennial) 	March – May (before or when blooming)	Dig or pull root in springtime. White sap is toxic, causing chemical burns Wear long sleeves, pants, gloves. Bag plant and discard	Redstem Filaree aka "Stork Bill" (Winter annual or biannual) 	Feb-Jul Remove before fruit develops: flower stalks support two to twelve vibrant pink/purple flowers with five petals and a long, beak-like fruit.	Manually pull and place in bag
Downey Broom aka "Cheat Grass" (Summer & Winter annual) 	Can be removed all year before seeds form (in spring and fall)	Mow or till and bag clippings or pull by hand	Common and Cut leaf Teasel 	Blooms April -September The left picture shows the first year of the plant. The second year, it forms a stalk with flower and seeds.	Dig up the plant before it blooms the second year. If it has a stalk, cut off stalk containing seeds and bag. Remove entire plant.
Knapweed 	Blooms June-Oct Remove in fall to allow weevils to lay eggs that kills the plant. The weevils are tiny.	Cut plant at the base and bag. 	Poison Hemlock <i>Queen Ann's Lace has fine hairs up the stem, while poison hemlock has a smooth stem and purple blotches.</i>	Blooms June-July 	Use protective gear. Bag entire plant. Toxic if ingested.

<p>Common Mullein <i>The leaves are soft and the flowering stalk is tall and has yellow flowers.</i></p> 	<p>Blooms June-August</p> 	<p>Pull up plant including tap root before stalk forms. Bag and dispose.</p>	<p>Common Burdock</p> 	<p>Blooms July-Oct; Best to remove in fall</p> 	<p>Vinegar or salt solutions can be poured on this weed or pull it including all roots. Bag and throw away.</p>
<p>Hound's Tongue</p> 	<p>Blooms May-July Pull before blooming. Left picture shows the purple coloring on the edges of the leaves. The bottom picture shows the flowers.</p> 	<p>Pull out entire plant including tap root. Bag.</p>	<p>Musk Thistle</p>  <p>Scotch thistle</p>  <p>Bull Thistle</p> 	<p>Blooms May-Sept The purple flower must be removed before the seeds are dispersed. It is best to remove these thistle plants before the stalk forms. The plant in the rosette form looks like a dandelion plant with thorns.</p>	<p>Wear gloves to protect from spines.</p> <p>Dig up plant and bag</p>