



**SAN JUAN COUNTY  
WEED DEPARTMENT**  
“Weed Control Makes Good Neighbors”

Date

Homeowner Address

Re: General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The following is a general notice to control noxious weeds. No action is required on your part and this is presented as an informational reminder. This same notice has been published in the San Juan Record and posted on bulletin boards at county post offices. There are currently 54 identified noxious weeds in Utah. There are 20 of these noxious weeds known to be present in San Juan County including 2 additional weeds specified as noxious by the county. These weeds are listed in the notice below.

**General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds**

*Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 4-17-6 of the Utah Noxious Weed Act, to every person who owns or controls land in San Juan County, Utah, that noxious weeds standing, being, or growing on such land shall be controlled and the spread of same prevented by effective cutting, tillage, cropping, pasturing, treating with chemicals or other effective methods, or combination thereof, approved by the County Weed Supervisor, as often as may be required to prevent the weed from blooming and maturing seeds, or spreading by root, root stalks or other means.*

*Upon failure to comply with this notice, the owner or person in possession of property upon which noxious weeds are present shall be deemed negligent and enforced control measures may be imposed at the discretion of the County authorities. Expense of control measures employed by the County shall be paid directly by the owner or person in possession of the property and become collectible by taxes.*

*The following are declared noxious weeds for the State of Utah and are present in San Juan County:*

<i>Camelthorn</i>	<i>Giant Reed</i>	<i>Dalmatian Toadflax</i>	<i>Diffuse Knapweed</i>	<i>Medusahead</i>
<i>Spotted Knapweed</i>	<i>Bermudagrass</i>	<i>Canada Thistle</i>	<i>Field Bindweed</i>	<i>Hoary Cress</i>
<i>Jointed Goatgrass</i>	<i>Musk Thistle</i>	<i>Perennial Pepperweed</i>	<i>Perennial Sorghum</i>	<i>Puncturevine</i>
<i>Quack grass</i>	<i>Russian Knapweed</i>	<i>Salt Cedar</i>	<i>Scotch Thistle</i>	<i>Russian Olive*</i>

*\* Russian Olive is prohibited for sale in Utah but control of existing plants is not required.*

*In addition, the following are noxious weeds for San Juan County:*

<i>Buffalo-Bur</i>	<i>Western Whorled Milkweed</i>
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The San Juan County weed department is tasked with the enforcement of noxious weed control. As such, if you have a weed issue involving any of the noxious weeds listed above you may receive a "Notice to Control" from our office. If no action is taken after the first notice you will receive a second notice. If no action is taken after 5 business days of receipt of the second notice, under the authority of the weed board the property may be deemed a public nuisance. If after the declaration of a public nuisance the noxious weeds are still present the weed department may enter the property and control the weeds. The landowner may then be billed for the treatment cost. If payment for this treatment is not paid within 90 days a tax lien may be placed on the property. Any action listed above may be appealed to first the Weed Board, second the County Commission and third a court of jurisdiction.

Although the weed department does enforce noxious weed control we are also a resource for persons seeking to address their noxious weed issues. Please feel free to call or text me directly at 435-419-0034 with questions about weed control or enforcement. You can also contact me via email at [fsmith@sanjuancounty.org](mailto:fsmith@sanjuancounty.org).

Sincerely,

Frank J. Smith  
Weed Department Supervisor