

Noxious Weed List

The Minnesota Noxious Weed Law (Minnesota Statutes 18.75-18.91) defines a noxious weed as an annual, biennial, or perennial plant that the Commissioner of Agriculture designates to be injurious to public health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property. The law protects residents of the state from the injurious effects of noxious weeds. Links to the online lists and species pages can be found at this link: [Minnesota Noxious Weed List](#)

Prohibited Noxious Weeds

Attempts must be made by all landowners to control or eradicate species on these lists. These species cannot be transported illegally, propagated, or sold in Minnesota. There are two Prohibited categories: Eradicate and Control.

Prohibited Eradicate – Must be eradicated by killing the above- and below-ground parts of the plant.

	Common name	Scientific name	Year added
1.	Black swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum louiseae</i> Kartesz & Gandhi	2013
2.	Brown knapweed	<i>Centaurea jacea</i> L.	2013
3.	Common teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> L.	2012
4.	Cutleaf teasel	<i>Dipsacus laciniatus</i> L.	2012
5.	Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> (L.) Mill.	2012
6.	Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i> L.	2017
7.	Giant hogweed*	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i> Sommier & Levier	2012
8.	Golden honeysuckle vine (formerly Japanese honeysuckle)	<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.	2020
9.	Grecian foxglove	<i>Digitalis lanata</i> Ehrh.	2010
10.	Hooked hair hops (formerly Japanese hops)	<i>Humulus japonicus</i> Siebold & Zucc.	2012
11.	Johnsongrass*	<i>Sorghum halepense</i> L.	2023
12.	Pale swallow-wort	<i>Cynanchum rossicum</i> Kleopow	2023
13.	Palmer amaranth	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i> S. Watson	2015
14.	Red hailstone/goldencreeper	<i>Thladiantha dubia</i> Bunge	2023
15.	Stiltgrass	<i>Microstegium vimineum</i>	2026
16.	Tree of heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Mill.) Swingle	2017
17.	Yellow starthistle*	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> L.	2010

*Species not known to be in Minnesota but have been determined to be a threat to invade the state.

Prohibited Control – Must be controlled to prevent the maturation and spread of propagating parts.

	Common name	Scientific name	Year added
1.	Bohemian knotweed	<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i> (J. Chrtek & Chrtkova) Zika & Jacobson	2020
2.	Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i> (L.) Scop.	1872
3.	Common barberry	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i> L.	2017
4.	Common tansy	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i> L.	2010
5.	Giant knotweed	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i> F. Schmidt ex Maxim	2014
6.	Japanese knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i> Seibold & Zucc.	2014
7.	Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i> L.	1992
8.	Meadow knapweed	<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i> C.E. Britton	2013
9.	Narrowleaf bittercress	<i>Cardamine impatiens</i> L.	2012
10.	Non-native phragmites	<i>Phragmites australis</i> (Cav.) Trin ex Steud. ssp. <i>australis</i>	2013
11.	Plumeless thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i> L.	1975
12.	Poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i> L.	2018
13.	Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> (L.)	1992

14.	Round leaf bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> Thunb.	2011
15.	Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> L. ssp. <i>micranthos</i> (Gugler) Hayek	2001
16.	Wild parsnip	<i>Pastinaca sativa</i> L. (except for non-wild cultivated varieties)	2010

Restricted Noxious Weeds – May not be sold or transported illegally in Minnesota.

	Common name	Scientific name	Year added
1.	Amur honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera maackii</i> (Rupr.) Herder	2017
2.	Autumn Olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	2026
3.	Bell's honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera x bella</i> Zabel	2017
4.	Black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L.	2017
5.	Callery pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> Decne.	2023
6.	Common or European buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> L.	1999
7.	Creeping meadow foxtail	<i>Alopecurus arundinaceus</i>	2026
8.	Creeping miscanthus (formerly Amur silvergrass)	<i>Miscanthus sacchariflorus</i> (Maxim.) Franch.	2023
9.	Crown vetch	<i>Securigera varia</i> (L.) Lassen – formerly named <i>Coronilla varia</i> L.	2017
10.	European alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i> (L.) Gaertn.	2020
11.	Garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i> (M. Bieb.) Cavara & Grande	2013
12.	Glossy buckthorn (all cultivars)	<i>Frangula alnus</i> Mill.	1999
13.	Japanese barberry cultivars**	<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC. (exemption for 'UCONNBTCP4N' (PP30,095): Crimson Cutie®, 'UCONNBTB039' (PP30,128): Mr. Green Genes®, 'UCONNBTB048' (PP30,127): Lemon Glow®, 'UCONNBTB113' (PP30,094): Lemon Cutie®, Proven Winners® Sunjoy® cultivar: 'NCBT1' (PP30,330): Mini Maroon®)	2015
14.	Lesser celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i> L.	2023
15.	Morrow's honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera morrowii</i> A. Gray	2017
16.	Multiflora rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i> Thunb.	2012
17.	Porcelain berry	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i> (Maxim.) Trautv.	2017
18.	Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i> Ledeb.	2023
19.	Siberian peashrub	<i>Caragana arborescens</i> Lam. (exemption for Green Spires® Caragana - Caragana 'Jefarb')	2020
20.	Tatarian honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera tatarica</i> L.	2017
21.	Wild carrot/Queen Anne's lace	<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	2017
22.	Winged burning bush	<i>Euonymus alatus</i> Thunb. (exemption for 'ZeroSeed' (ZeroSeed Blaze TM) and Proven Winners® 'NCEA1': Fire Ball Seedless TM)	2020

**Japanese Barberry Cultivars Regulated as Restricted Noxious Weeds in Minnesota. Please visit the [Japanese barberry species page](#) for a list of the restricted cultivars.

Specially Regulated Plants – must be handled, controlled, or eradicated according to specified regulations.

1. Amur corktree (*Phellodendron amurense* Rupr.) 2023. Only sales of named male cultivars are permitted. Sales of all other *Phellodendron amurense* are prohibited. All existing planted and escaped fruit producing trees must be controlled, by tree removal or other means, such that no seed is disseminated.
2. Amur maple (*Acer ginnala* Maxim.) 2017. Sellers shall affix a label directly to the plant or container packaging that is being sold that advises buyers to only plant Amur maple and its cultivars in landscapes where the seedlings will be controlled by mowing or other means. Amur maple seed is wind dispersed, and trees should be planted at least 100 yards from natural areas.
3. Common butterbur (*Petasites hybridus* (L.) G. Gaertn., B. Mey, & Scherb.) 2026. Three-year production phase-out period, after which sale of this species will be prohibited and the species will be designated as Restricted in 2029.
4. Giant butterbur (*Petasites japonicus* (Siebold & Zucc.) Maxim.) 2026. Three-year production phase-out period, after which sale of this species will be prohibited and the species will be designated as Restricted in 2029.
5. Norway maple (and all cultivars) (*Acer platanoides* L.) 2020. Sellers shall affix a label directly to the plant or container packaging that is being sold that advises buyers to only plant Norway maple and its cultivars in landscapes where the seedlings will be controlled by mowing or other means. Norway maple seed is wind dispersed, and trees should be planted at least 100 yards from natural areas.

6. Rowan mountain ash (*Sorbus aucuparia*) 2026. Three-year production phase-out period, after which sale of this species will be prohibited and the species will be designated as Restricted in 2029.
7. Tatarian maple (*Acer tataricum* L.) 2023. Sellers shall affix a label that advises “Tatarian maple should only be planted in areas where the seedlings will be controlled or eradicated by mowing or other means. Tatarian maple seed is wind dispersed so trees should not be planted closer than 100 yards from natural areas.

Delisted Noxious Weeds

Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans* L.Kuntze) and western poison ivy (*T. rydbergii* Small ex Rhdb Greene)

County Noxious Weeds

[M.S. 18.771\(e.\) County Noxious Weeds](#) are plants designated by county boards to be enforced as prohibited control noxious weeds within the county’s jurisdiction and must be approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Counties are solely responsible for enforcement. Contact your local [County Agricultural Inspector or Designated Employee](#) for more information on County Noxious Weeds and the process for adding species to a County Noxious Weed List. Please visit the [County Approved Noxious Weeds page](#) for a list of counties with designated county noxious weeds.

Local Ordinances

Townships and municipalities can also use their local ordinance process to regulate plant species that are not listed by the county or state. Enforcement of species listed via a municipal ordinance is the responsibility of municipal authorities and cannot be regulated under or associated with the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law (M.S. 18.75 – 18.91).

Additional Resources

MDA Website - www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/noxious-and-invasive-weed-program

MN DOT Website - www.dot.state.mn.us/roadsides/vegetation/pdf/noxiousweeds.pdf

MN DNR Website - www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/terrestrialplants/index.html

MN BWSR Cooperative Weed Management Areas - <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/grants/cwma/CWMA.html>