

ORDER ESTABLISHING THE 2018 NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PROGRAM IN CASS COUNTY, IOWA

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, the Cass County Board of Supervisors order:

That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Cass County, including right-of-way of County trunk roads and local County roads, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in Chapter 317, at such time each year and in such manner to prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production throughout the year:

- Group 1: May 15, 2018 Musk Thistle, Multiflora Rose, Palmer Amaranth
- Group 2: May 20, 2018 Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper-grass, Smooth Dock, Sour Dock, Sheep Sorrel
- Group 3: June 1, 2018 Canada thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckhorn, Buckthorn, Wild Mustard, Bull Thistle
- Group 4: June 15, 2018 Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot, Teasel, Poison Hemlock
- Group 5: July 1, 2018 Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butter Print, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Wild Sunflower, Shattercane

That in the case of substantial failure to comply with the foregoing order, the Weed Commissioner may impose a maximum penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) fine for each day up to ten (10) days or may give notice to the landowner by certified mail to the last address as ascertained from the last tax list in the county Treasurer's Office. The Weed Commissioner, including his employees, may enter the land without consent for the purpose of destroying noxious weeds (5) five days after delivery of notice, which time shall be computed from the date of mailing. The expense of said work including cost of serving notice and other costs, if any, shall be assessed against the real estate plus an amount equal to twenty-five (25) percent of all sums expended.

Complaints: See contact information for Weed Commissioner on the Cass County Website: <http://www.atlanticiowa.com/county/county-departments/weed-commissioner/> or contact the Cass County Auditor's office.