



## **Noxious Weed Complaint Form Instructions**

In addition to the investigations of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, the Noxious Weed Law is also complaint driven. If you are filing a complaint under the Pennsylvania Noxious Weed Control Act 1982-74, please fill out the Noxious Weed Complaint Form and send it to:

**Botanist/Weed Scientist  
Bureau of Plant Industry  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408  
Fax 717-783-3275**

Once received the Department will contact the violating party and inform them of the following:

### **TITLE 3 P.S. AGRICULTURE CHAPTER 5A. NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL LAW**

#### *Noxious Weed Control Act Excerpt:*

##### Section 6.1. Control Order Issued Against an Individual Landowner.

- a. The secretary may issue an order requiring an individual landowner to implement control measures for noxious weeds if he finds that noxious weeds are growing on that landowner's property.
- b. An order issued under this section shall be in writing and shall be served on the landowner by handing a copy of the order to him or by sending a copy of the order to the landowner by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- c. An order may be issued under this section without a public hearing, provided that the landowner may within seven days of receipt notify the Secretary in writing that he intends to contest the order. If the landowner fails to contest the order within that seven day period, it shall become final.



**PA NOXIOUS WEEDS CONTROL LIST**

1. *Cannabis sativa*, commonly know at marijuana.
2. Exotic *Lythrum specis* including *Lythrum salicaria* L. (commonly known as Purple looststrife); the *Lythrum salicaria* Complex; and *Lythrum virgatum* L., (commonly known as European wand loosestrife); their cultivars and any combination thereof.
3. *Cirsium arvense* L.(commonly known as Canadian thistle)
4. *Rosa mutliflora* L.(commonly known as Multiflora rose)
5. *Sorghum halepense* L. Pers. (commonly known as Johnson grass)
6. *Carduus nutans* L. (commonly known as Musk thistle)
7. *Cirsium vulgare* L. (commonly known as Bull thistle)
8. *Datura stramonium* (commonly known as Jimson weed)
9. *Polygonum perfoliatum* L., (commonly known as Mile-a-minute)
10. *Pueraria* DC. (commonly know Kudzu).
11. *Sorghum bicolor* L. Moench ( commonly known as Shattercane)
12. *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier (commonly known as Giant Hogweed)
13. *Galega officinalis* L. (commonly known as Goatsrue)

**NOXIOUS WEED COMPLAINT FORM**

**A) Complainant\*:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s)    (Home) \_\_\_\_\_                      (Work) \_\_\_\_\_                      (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**B) Nature of the Complaint: Noxious Weeds, specifically those listed on the PA Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed List \_\_\_\_\_ are growing uncontrolled on this property.**

**C) Landowner of Infested Site:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s)    (Home) \_\_\_\_\_                      (Work) \_\_\_\_\_                      (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

**D) Specific Location of infestation: (Please attach Map & GPS coordinates if available)**

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(\*Additional aggrieved parties may be added on reverse side or appended on additional sheets)

E) Approximate size of weed infestation (Sq. Feet / Acres): \_\_\_\_\_

F) Have you communicated with the violating landowner about this weed problem?    Yes            No

If yes, what was the response?

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G) Does your township have a weed ordinance?            Yes            No

If yes, did you contact them about this problem?            Yes            No

What were the results?

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H) Describe the area on your property that is being infested: (circle those that apply)

Agriculture Crop Land;            Natural Area;            Lawn;            Garden;            Other:

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Signature of Complainant            \_\_\_\_\_            Date            \_\_\_\_\_

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