







## Weed Epidemic in Arrowhead

The rains have caused an epidemic in the noxious weeds – please spray NOW!

Weeds matter at Arrowhead because they are noxious – they are not native and they can dominate and crowd out native grasses and flowering plants that our wildlife uses for food. Their seeds can also get into our streams and cause problems to our downstream neighbor’s irrigated pastures and crops. **Without noxious weed control we can greatly reduce the wildlife habitat unique to Arrowhead!**

**SO, what should we do?** Colorado law states that it is the property owners' responsibility to manage noxious weeds on their property. Thankfully, many owners do spray their weeds annually. Our goal each year is to get more owners to take responsibility for this task.

**The primary weeds to spray are listed below:**

<p><b>* Canada thistle</b> – compact purple flowers, 1-5 ft. tall, stems branched at top, spiny leaves <i>Arrowhead locations</i> – throughout and especially along roads</p>	<p><b>* Musk thistle</b> large compact purple flowers, 2-6 ft. tall, solitary flower on stem, spiny leaves <i>Arrowhead locations</i> – throughout and especially along roads</p>	<p><b>Oxeye daisy</b> – white ray petals, yellow center, wavy-edged leaves, 10-24” tall <i>Arrowhead locations</i> – along the Alpine Plateau road, near water and in meadows</p>
		
<p><b>Scentsless chamomile daisy</b> – white ray petals, yellow center, fern-like leaves, 6-30” tall <i>Arrowhead locations</i> – pasture areas</p>	<p><b>Common mullein</b> – stalk of yellow small flowers, soft fuzzy leaves 2-5 ft. tall <i>Arrowhead locations</i> – along roads &amp; in meadows</p>	<p><b>Common burdock</b> – numerous purple/white bur like flowers, bushy leafy plant, large heart-shaped leaves, 2-6 ft. tall <i>Arrowhead locations</i> – along roads and stream banks</p>
		

**Spray the obnoxious weed too!** Those pretty little blue flowers called forget-me-nots or stick tights are also very invasive and will develop seeds that will stick to everything – your shoes, your pants and your pets. Get rid of them also.

**What can owners do?** Herbicides, such as 2,4-D, Spectracide or Round-Up are available at local stores such as Murdoch’s, Home Depot and Producer’s Coop. Removing the seed head (flower) and double bagging them for disposal at local landfills helps in limiting spread. **DO NOT** dispose of them in the No-Stump Dump or the Arrowhead trash compactor.

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