

Integrated Weed Management Tools

Prevention

Activity to forestall contamination of weed species.

Biological Control

Use of insects, mites, nematodes, or plant pathogens to control weeds.

Herbicides

Products to kill or stunt weeds by disrupting the metabolic processes of a plant.

Grazing

Use of cattle, sheep or goats to graze on weeds to help the plant from seeding.

Hand Pulling or Digging

Manual removal of weeds and its root system—this can be useful only in small infestations and on certain weeds.

Mechanical Removal

Use of equipment to remove the weed and its roots.

Cutting and mowing

Prevents weeds from seed production helps deplete the root reserves and favors the growth of more desired species on certain weeds.

Cultivation

Brings seeds to the surface where the plant has an opportunity to germinate and be treated .

Re-vegetation

Reseeding with specific species to help choke out undesired vegetation.

Eradication

The goal of any property owner of a un-desired species and is most successful on small isolated patches.



2016 Landowner Cost Share Grant Program

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The Ravalli County Weed District offers this grant program to assist landowners in Ravalli County with implementing their long-term integrated weed management practices. This program is designed to give the landowner a financial head start in controlling noxious weeds.

- The focus of this program is for management to take place on state or county listed noxious weeds.
- Re-vegetation is also a focus under this program. Beneficial vegetation helps reduce weeds over the long term.
- New invaders are given priority. The new invaders included in this prioritization include but not limited to: Leafy Spurge, Blueweed, Japanese Knotweed, Yellow Flag Iris, Orange Hawkweed, Common Bugloss, Russian Knapweed, Dyer's Woad, Rush Skeletonweed, purple loose strife, Perennial Pepperweed, Yellow star thistle, Eurasian Water Milfoil, and Scotch Broom.
- Plans using the multiple integrated weed management methods, as described in this brochure will be given priority.
- First time applicants will be given priority.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply with a neighbor.

General Information

- Grant applications must be completed and turned in to the Weed District by (spring cycle) May 15th and (fall cycle) July 30th.
- Grants will be awarded by (spring cycle) June 1st and (fall cycle) August 10th
- Re-imbusement will be made after the project has been completed and all receipts and the re-imbusement forms have been submitted to the Weed District. Re-imbusements can take up to 6 weeks.
- Landowners must agree to the terms and provisions of the grant application
- Landowner must agree to allow Weed District staff/weed board members to inspect their property/project as deemed necessary.

Funding:

- \$15,000 is available for this grant program
- The Grant can not be in excess \$500.00 per individual for a total project cost of \$1000.00 (50/50 cost share). If the project is more the grant will only reimburse up to \$500.00 or the allocated amount.
- The weed district will refund 50% of the maximum project costs not to exceed allocated amount. Any excess will be covered by the applicant.
- A cost share match is made by actual cash used to pay for chemicals, seed or commercial licensed and insured applicators. In-kind labor is not considered a match.
- Any applicant can apply for their labor to be part of the cost share program if they attend a sponsored Weed District, MSU Extension Service, or Montana Department of Agriculture training specifically for application of herbicides.
- Other grant funded dollars can not be used as a match.

Limitations

- Only one project per person per year
- Project must be located in Ravalli County
- Project work must be completed by spring cycle June 30th and Fall cycle November 30th.
- Only on the ground practices are eligible, no research or study projects will be granted.
- No capital items will be reimbursed (i.e., sprayers fencing or other equipment).
- No extensions will be made if funds are not expended.

