

Dickinson County Weed Commissioner

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REGIONAL---Dickinson County weed commissioner Douglas Todey has released the 2020 noxious weed policy.

The policy was approved by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors at its meeting Tuesday, April 14.

“...each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Dickinson County shall cut, burn, or otherwise control all noxious weeds thereon as defined in this chapter,” the policy reads, “at such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth.”

Each land owner must control all noxious weeds prior to the listed dates:

June 21: Leafy spurge, Russian knapweed, buckthorn, multiflora rose, quackgrass, musk thistle

July 19: Canada thistle, field bindweed, bull thistle, purple loosestrife, palmer amaranth, plumeless thistle

However, these are only guidelines. Weather conditions may cause weeds to mature ahead of normal and may require control measures prior to the listed dates.

Each homeowner is responsible for checking his or her land for noxious weeds and for taking effective measures to combat them.

Anyone needing to report a weed infestation may contact Todey at 712-336-6269 or dtodey@co.dickinson.ia.us.

“If I get calls about reported infestations, I will go out and address those issues with the landowner and work with them to ensure the management of those weeds,” Todey said.

“Noncompliance requires that fines be assessed, but I would like to avoid that if at all possible. If I come to a landowner with a complaint, I just want to work toward a solution that gets rid of the weeds and doesn’t drag it into something bigger.”

For more information on the noxious weed policy, contact Todey or visit dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/weed-commissioner to read the entire 2020 resolution.

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