



# Weed & Pest Happenings

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## Events:

- February 22, 2018  
Private Pesticide Applicator  
Training Noon to 4 p.m.  
Building M @ Archer  
Exit 370 off I-80
- CLOSED  
Monday, Feb. 19, 2018  
For President's Day
- National Invasive Species  
Awareness Week  
Feb. 26-March 2, 2018
- Daylight Savings Time  
Begins March 11, 2018

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## What is a Noxious Weed Anyway?

A noxious weed, harmful weed or injurious weed is a weed that has been designated by an agricultural authority as one that negatively affects agricultural or horticultural crops, natural habitats, ecosystems, humans or livestock. The term “noxious” is generally a legislative classification.

Typically noxious weeds are so designated because:

1. It will aggressively invade native plant communities or agricultural crops.
2. It is harmful or poisonous to livestock.
3. It carries diseases or parasites.
4. It can negatively impact management of agricultural or natural ecosystems.

Control of noxious weeds is divided into four categories: physical, cultural (crop rotation, row spacing, seeding rate) chemical or biological.

In Laramie County our main noxious weeds are Dalmatian Toadflax and Leafy Spurge.

## Play•Clean•Go

Everyone needs to be part of the fight against invasive species. By following these five easy steps, together we can stop the spread of invasive species.

- Arrive with clean gear.
- Burn local or certified firewood.
- Use local or weed-free hay.
- Stay on the trails.
- Before leaving, remove mud and seeds.



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