



Weed & Pest Happenings

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Events:

- Board Meetings:
July 5–Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
Aug. 9 – Pine Bluffs Office 7 pm
Sept 6–Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
- CLOSED
Monday, July 4, 2018
Wed., July 25, 2018
for Cheyenne Day
Monday, Sept. 3, 2018
for Labor Day
- July 21 Spray Day @ Pine Bluffs
8 am to Noon

Contact Us:

- Pine Bluffs (307) 245-3213
Mon-Fri: 8 am to Noon
1 pm to 5 pm
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Weed Classifications

Weeds are classified in three main groups based on life history, growth habits and botanical group.

Annual weeds complete their full life cycle in a single year. Annuals produce many seeds and have a long seed life in the soil. Most problem weeds are annuals. Using weed free seeds and crop rotation help with controlling annuals.

Biennial weeds require two growing seasons to complete their life cycle. In the first year they remain vegetative, and in the second year they produce flowers and set seeds. Since they reproduce only from seed, the key to a successful control program is to control the plant before flowering.

Perennial weeds live for more than two years. They can be short-lived perennials that live 3 to 10 years or long-lived perennials which can live more than 10 years. Perennials are the most difficult to get rid of since they spread by both seeds and creeping roots. Therefore, long-term chemical control depends on timely application of herbicides to reduce seed banks and root reserves. Always read & follow herbicide label instructions.

Leafy Spurge

Leafy Spurge is a perennial weed. It often grows up to 3 feet tall. It has long narrow alternating leaves approximately ¼” wide and 2” long that are usually drooping. The stem branches out near the top and the entire plant contains a milky sap.

The small flowers are surrounded by large yellow heart shaped floral leaves which turn yellow-green near maturity.

Seed capsules contain 3 seeds which will explode when dry, projecting the seeds as far as 15 feet. Seeds can be viable in the soil for up to 8 years.

The roots are deep, extensive and very persistent making leafy spurge extremely difficult to control. It spreads by vigorous rootstalks and seeds.

Contact us for assistance if you find Leafy Spurge on your property.