



Weed & Pest Happenings

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Events:

- Board Meetings:
Oct 10: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
Nov 8: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
Dec 5: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne

CLOSED:

October 14, 2019
Columbus Day
November 11, 2019
Veteran's Day
November 28 & 29, 2019
Thanksgiving
Dec. 24, 2019 Close at Noon
Christmas Eve
December 25, 2019
Christmas Day

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Care of Chemicals over the Winter

- ✓ Store your chemicals in the original container in a locked storage area.
- ✓ Keep from freezing over the winter.
- ✓ Do not contaminate any water, food or feed nearby.
- ✓ And, always read and follow the instructions in the “storage section” on the chemical label for the proper storage of your chemicals all year round.

Downy Brome/Cheatgrass

What can we say about downy brome a.k.a. cheatgrass? It is everywhere! It is listed on the Laramie Co. Declared Noxious Weed List. It is a highly invasive winter annual grass. In fact, it is one of the most competitive non-native grasses in the western United States. Mature plants are a serious fire hazard.

Cheatgrass reproduces only by the seeds which appear at the end of the multi-branched stem and droop over the end. They are a reddish-purple as it matures to a tan-buff color.

The roots are fibrous and usually shallow allowing it to absorb moisture to outgrow native grasses that are still dormant. It thrives in arid, semi-arid and cold environments.

What can we do about it? Mowing and chopping are not recommended since it leaves the roots and will disperse the seeds making the size of the infestation larger.

Tillage and herbicides are the most common control methods. When using herbicides, it is important to read and follow the label and safety instructions! Pre-emergence or post-emergence spraying can be done.

The key to optimum results is the timing of the application. It should be done in late summer prior to rain and seed germination to provide the best possibility of suppression or control.

Contact us at (307) 245-3213 to discuss using the herbicide Plateau® on your cheatgrass problem.