

## LARAMIE COUNTY WEED &amp; PEST

## LCWP HAPPENINGS

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## WEED FREE PRODUCTS &amp; OTHER INVASIVE PREVENTATIVE PRACTICES

Herbicide application is only one part of the invasive control equation. After all, an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure! There are many different prevention methods that can be easily implemented to help protect your land from weed infestations. Here are some common practices you should consider incorporating:

- **Keep Recreation & Work Equipment Clean** – Weed seeds easily attach to ATVs, tractors, backhoes, trailers, and footwear. Cleaning equipment, vehicles, and boots before moving between sites helps prevent weeds from being transported and established in new areas.
- **Use Physical Barriers to Prevent Germination** – Applying mulch, leaf litter, or fabric/plastic ground covers blocks sunlight and limits soil exposure, reducing the ability of weed seeds to germinate and take hold.

- **Practice Good Land Management** – Prevent overgrazing and minimize unnecessary soil disturbance, as bare or compacted soil creates ideal conditions for weed invasion. Healthy, well-managed land is more resistant to weed pressure.
- **Use Weed-Free Products** – Select certified weed-free seed, hay, straw, mulch, and soil amendments to avoid introducing unwanted weeds onto your property. Please visit <https://wyoweed.org/certified-weed-free-products/> to locate where these products would be available for purchase in your area and further information on the NAISMA Weed Free Products Program!

## WHEN CAN I START SPRAYING?

As we soon approach spring, the same question comes back around, “**When can I start controlling the weeds?**” This can vary depending on control method, but as far as application goes there are a few key things that you will want to pay attention to.

You will want to ensure that applications will not be wasted in freezing weather, make sure that you do not apply in freezing temperatures. Next is herbicide type, opt for a product with pre-emergent and residual control if possible. This will allow you the ability to control weeds before they become further established, and prevent the spread of further seed. After that, you will want to make sure that you are using clean water to mix with liquid/water dispersable herbicides. Sediments & extreme pH levels can impede the efficacy of applications. Lastly, pay attention to soil types and the penetrative ability of the herbicide that you have selected. More information on what to do in specific soil situations can typically be found on the product label, and can make or break your results. Precipitation may be a factor that is required to increase soil penetration, so keep an eye out for that in the label as well!

## BOARD MEETINGS

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ Archer 6:30 pmFebruary 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ Archer 6:30 pmMarch 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ Archer 6:30 pm

## OFFICES CLOSED

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 - MLK Jr. DayFebruary 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 - President's Day

For further information on closures please refer to [laramiecountyweedandpest.com](http://laramiecountyweedandpest.com)

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