

Section 6.02 Destruction of Noxious Weeds

6.02(A) Title/Purpose

The title of this Section is Destruction of Noxious Weeds. The purpose of this Section is to prohibit and prevent the spread of noxious weeds in the Town of Leeds.

6.02(B) Authority

This Section is enacted pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0407.

6.02(C) Destruction of Noxious Weeds

As provided in Wis. Stat. § 66.407(3), except as otherwise prohibited by law, all noxious weeds shall be destroyed at such time and in such manner as will prevent such plants from maturing to the bloom or flower stage. The growth of noxious weeds in excess of twelve (12) inches in height from the ground surface shall be prohibited within the Town.

6.02(D) Definition of Noxious Weeds

Noxious weeds shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Cirsium Arvense (Canada Thistle)
- Euphorbia esula (Leafy Spurge)
- Convolvulus arvensis (Creeping Jenny) (Field Bind Weed)
- Cruciferae (Mustard Family, Yellow Rocket)

The Town Board may, from time to time, by Resolution, delete from or add to the listing of noxious weeds, which Resolution shall be effective upon passage and posting.

6.02(E) Published Notice

Unless delegated to the county, the Town Chair shall annually on or before May 15th publish as required by Wis. Stat. § 66.407(4), a notice that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Town which the person owns, occupies or controls. A joint notice with other towns or municipalities may be utilized.

6.02(F) Notice of Land Owner; Action by Town

If the owner or occupant of any land in the Town shall neglect to destroy any weeds as required by this Section, then the Weed Commissioner, appointed as provided in Wis. Stat. § 66.0517, shall give five (5) days' written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the weeds shall be growing to the effect that the said Weed

Commissioner, after the expiration of the five (5) day period, will proceed to destroy or cause to be destroyed all such weeds growing upon said lands and that the cost thereof will be assessed as a tax upon the lands upon which such weeds are located as provided in Wis. Stat. § 66.0517. In case the owner or occupant shall further neglect to comply within such five (5) day notice, then the Weed Commissioner shall destroy such weeds or cause them to be destroyed by a reasonably economical method, and the expense thereof, including the cost of billing, attorney fees and other necessary administrative expenses, shall be charged against such lands and be collected as a special tax thereon as provided in Wis. Stat. § 66.0517(3).