

Maintenance of Noxious Weeds

After May 1, 2012, the provisions of the Weed Control Ordinance again become effective for the entire mowing season. If you own a parcel of land in any district other than the Rural District, in which weeds have grown over 6 inches in height; the weeds shall be destroyed to within 50 feet of any building. Weeds within platted subdivisions, condominiums and site condominiums shall be destroyed to a depth of the parcel or 165 feet, whichever is less. The destruction of weeds prevents contributing to blight conditions, fire hazards, insect, pest and rodent harborage, pollen dust, seeds spreading to an adjoining property and/or a public health, safety or welfare concern. Failure to destroy weeds may result in a Township representative entering upon the parcel and addressing the concern at the owner's expense.



Excerpt of Ordinance No. 35.03

Weeds includes Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), dodders (*Cuscuta* species other than those considered by the state department of natural resources to be endangered with extinction), mustards (charlock, black mustard, Indian mustard, all being species of *Brassica* or *Sinapis*), wild carrot (*Caucus carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*), ragweed (*Amrosia eletior*), poison ivy (*Rhus toxicodendron*), poison sumac (*Toxicodendron vernix*), and grasses and/or herbs over six inches in height, allowed to grow uncultivated, and not intended for ornamental purposes. Additionally, trees and shrubs not purposefully planted as ornamentals, nor being used for reforestation purposes, may be considered as weeds. Other vegetation that, by resolution of the township board, have been declared as noxious may also be controlled.