

2025 WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

for

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF MILTON NO. 292

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Weed Management Program for the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292 will be to prevent the establishment of new Invasive Alien Plants (IAPs), eradication of small isolated infestations of prohibited and isolated noxious weeds, and the containment and control of those established noxious weeds that are now in the area. This is essential for the continued use of land base to its fullest extent, whether it is for crop production, livestock production or recreation.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND(S) AFFECTED BY THE PLAN:

The areas covered in this plan are all lands within the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292.

Legal land locations included in this plan are:

The boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Milton No. 292

- Highway 317, 44, and 7 runs through the municipality as well as CN railways.
- TransGas and SaskEnergy have pipelines that cross the municipality as well as other oil infrastructure.
- Roslope Grazing Co-Operative and Grattle Grazing Co-Operative are the only community pastures.
- The area is a mix of crop land and pastureland, with some organic farms.
- The crop production areas have different weed management priorities than the pasture areas. Herbicides required for crop production areas may be different than those for use in pastures.
- Traffic corridors require extra surveillance to immediately address weeds that may contaminate roadsides as they are a primary pathway and allow weeds to spread quickly. Monitoring of these corridors will be the responsibility of the municipality and the Weed Inspector. CNR and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure will ultimately be responsible for weed control on their rights-of-way.
- Farmers that are registered as organic producers must not lose their certification because of the off-target movement of herbicide during the spraying of weeds within or near their lands. However, organic producers are responsible for the creation of their own buffer zones to municipal right-of-ways.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT INVASIVE ALIEN PLANT SPECIES IN THE AREA:

Prohibited Weeds

General monitoring for any prohibited weeds is ongoing. Leafy Spurge is a high priority weed because of how it adversely affects the desired biodiversity within native prairie/tame rangeland, its ability to spread, and the nature of the landscape in the municipality.

Noxious Weeds

Baby's-breath and absinthe are found within the municipality and are widespread in the Ministry of Highways ditches.

Nuisance Weeds

Kochia, dandelions, barley foxtail, and various thistles are the predominant weeds in this category and can be controlled mechanically or by spraying in the prescribed manner.

Other Control Activities:

To prevent the introduction and establishment of new Prohibited or Noxious Weeds or other invasive plants, it is important for area residents be able to identify species of immediate concern and report them to the Weed Inspector so that they may be eradicated quickly with the use of herbicides or hand pulling.

Municipal Controlled Public Land

The priority is to spray municipal road ditches that have evidence of the weeds immediately before they spread onto any private lands. These sites must be closely monitored.

All herbicide application will be conducted by a licensed applicator using herbicides with the least risk of secondary impact to the environment and non-target plants, animals or fish. Where required, permits will be acquired from Saskatchewan Environment to apply herbicides within 50 metres of water bodies.

Safe work procedures are followed in accordance with The Occupational Health and Safety Act (OH&S) for potentially dangerous activities during herbicide applications conducted by municipal applicators.

Private Land

The municipality has a weed inspector available to ratepayers for identification and information on the best ways to manage weeds on their property. When necessary, the weed inspector will order to remedy prohibited, noxious, and nuisance weeds if the action is required.

This plan and the weed management actions taken will be reviewed on a yearly basis and updated or modified where required.

Municipal Authority:

This Weed Management Plan is authorized by Resolution # 2025-293:

Signed this 13 day of August, 2025.


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