



Town of Olds

Weed Control Act

The Weed Control Act was enacted to prevent the spread of invasive plants. Weeds are defined in the Weed Control Regulation, and plants are listed by species under three categories: Restricted (destroy), Noxious (control) and Nuisance (prevent spread). The Weed Control Act is changing to help prevent invasive ornamentals and weedy plants from establishing within the province. In the new Act, restricted weeds have been renamed as Prohibited Noxious. Currently the Restricted weed list only contains seven weed species, but in the new Weed Control Regulation there will be nearly 50 weeds listed as Prohibited Noxious. Many of these weeds don't exist in Alberta and legislation is trying to ensure they never become a problem in the area.

What can you do?

Dispose of Plants Properly

- **NEVER** put invasive plants in compost.
- Plants may be dried in the sun and burned OR...
- Plant matter should be bagged and disposed of in land-fill bound garbage.

Many common garden plants are actually Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds. There are some easy steps to follow to eliminate these weeds from your garden.

- Do not purchase or grow ornamental invasive plants, and encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same.
- Remove invasive ornamentals from your yard and dispose of them in a landfill. Do not compost invasive plant material.
- Don't transplant plants from ditches, vacant land, and natural areas unless you are sure of what they are.
 - Don't let invasive plants go to seed.
 - Try to use regional native plants.
 - The Olds Eco Site, 3801 - 70 Avenue provides drop off bins for Scentless Chamomile.



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Weed Enforcement

Under the Weed Control Act, municipalities are legally required to enforce the provisions of the Act. - **Enforcement is not optional.**



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Contact Information

If you have any questions about the Bylaw, contact **Municipal Enforcement** at:

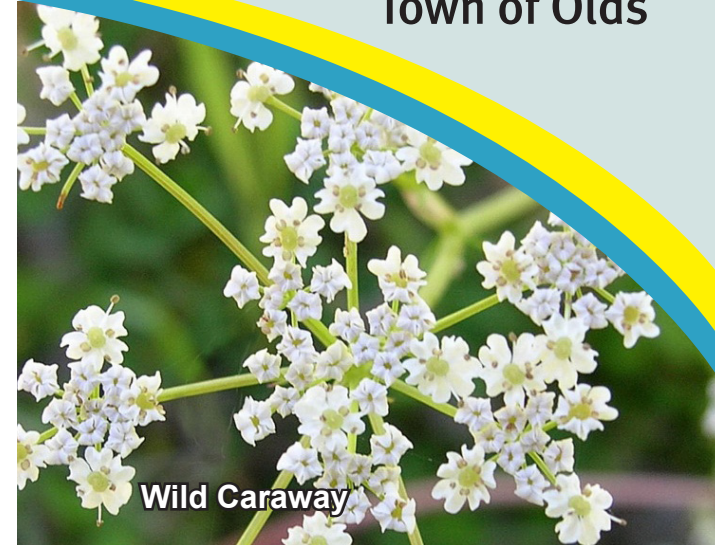
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Wild Caraway

Dealing with Noxious Weeds



Town of Olds Municipal Enforcement



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Problem Weeds in Olds

What is a Weed?

Plants are designated as weeds due to their invasive growth habit, lack of palatability to livestock and their ability to out-complete agricultural crops. Many of the weeds that are of concern today started out in people's flowerbeds, escaped as ornamentals and due to their invasive nature and lack of native pests they became a problem.



Field Scabious



Ox-Eye Daisy

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Ox-Eye Daisy is a Noxious Weed and is similar to Scentless Chamomile. The stems aren't branched and the leaves get progressively smaller and have a jagged edge. The flowers are white and yellow and daisy-like. This plant is commonly found in wildflower mixtures.



Toad Flax

Scentless Chamomile

Scentless Chamomile has been elevated from Noxious Weed to Prohibited Noxious Weed status within Mountain View County.

It has very finely divided, alternate leaves, bushy growth, and daisy like, white-and-yellow flowers. Any Scentless Chamomile found must be destroyed. Drop off bins for Scentless Chamomile plants are available at the Olds Eco site, 3801, 70 Ave.



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