



CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENT COST SHARE PROGRAM

In the interest of assisting landowners, subdivisions, and cooperating landowner groups with the cost of purchasing herbicides, biological control agents or grazing agents to control noxious weeds, the Gallatin County Weed District is offering a Cost Share Program in which (50%) of the contracted applicator labor, chemical and/or biological control agent and/or grazing cost will be shared by the Weed District, up to

\$200. The terms and conditions of this program are as follows:

1. The Cost Share Program applies only to noxious weeds. See attached list.
2. There is a minimum payment of \$10 and maximum payment of \$200 per landowner per calendar year.
3. **An application must be approved by the Weed District BEFORE treatment and/or releases are made.** No applications will be accepted or claim sheets processed if herbicide purchase or treatment, biological releases, or grazing treatment have been made without prior written approval by the District.
4. The program only covers the cost of contracted application labor, herbicide, surfactant, blue dye, the biological control agent, or the grazing treatment. It DOES NOT cover costs associated with mowing, seeding, equipment purchases or rentals, or the use of soil sterilents and non-selective herbicides such as Roundup and organic herbicides. Covered grazing treatment is restricted to the use of sheep or goats that target noxious weeds.

Processing Procedures

1. Complete Part I of the application and return it to the Weed District for approval. Submit the application at least 10 working days prior to the expected date of herbicide purchase or treatment, or release of biocontrol agents.
2. The Weed Board Representative will review the application. **Approval of the application is required prior to herbicide purchase or treatment, release of biocontrol agents, or grazing treatment.** Approval is dependent upon the level of funding in the budget. The Weed District will notify the participant if the application is approved. **NOTE:** In questionable areas or situations, an inspection of the site by the Weed Board Representative may be required before the application will be approved.
3. If the application is approved, conduct the herbicide treatment, biological release, or grazing treatment. In the case of herbicide applications, spray noxious weeds using the proper equipment and safety measures. **Carefully read and follow the herbicide label.** Use proper spraying practices to ensure safety to you and the environment. If using biological control agents, release in the manner prescribed by the supplier. **NOTE:** If misapplication of a chemical, improper release of biocontrol agents, or poor land husbandry is noted, payment of the cost share claim will be denied. If the chemical misapplication is deemed to be harmful to the environment or surrounding area, the proper regulatory agency will be notified.
READ AND FOLLOW THE CHEMICAL LABEL!
4. After conducting the herbicide treatment, biological release, or grazing treatment, submit a cost share claim sheet (Part II of application). Include a copy of the receipt(s) documenting the amount paid for the covered services used to control noxious weeds. The Weed District operates on a fiscal year basis from July 1 to June 30. If the covered services were performed at the start of the field season (i.e., March, April, May, June), the claim sheet with receipt(s) must be received by the Weed District on or before June 30th or the claim sheet cannot be processed.

According to the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act, a noxious weed is any non-native plant that may render land unfit for agriculture, wildlife, forestry, recreation, and other beneficial uses of the land or that may harm native plant communities and has been designated by the State or County as noxious.

MONTANA NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Priority 1A	<p>These weeds are not present or have a very limited presence in Montana. Management criteria will require eradication if detected; education; and prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yellow starthistle (<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>) - Dyer's woad (<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>) - Common reed (<i>Phragmites australis</i> ssp. <i>australis</i>) - Medusahead (<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>)
Priority 1B	<p>These weeds have limited presence in Montana. Management criteria will require eradication or containment and education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knotweed complex (<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>, <i>P. sachalinense</i>, <i>P. x bohemicum</i>, <i>Fallopia japonica</i>, <i>F. sachalinensis</i>, <i>F. x bohémica</i>, <i>Reynoutria japonica</i>, <i>R. sachalinense</i>, and <i>R. x bohémica</i>) - Purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>.) - Rush skeletonweed (<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>) - Scotch broom (<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>) - Blueweed (<i>Echium vulgare</i>)
Priority 2A	<p>These weeds are common in isolated areas of Montana. Management criteria will require eradication or containment where less abundant. Management shall be prioritized by local weed districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tansy ragwort (<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>, <i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>) - Meadow hawkweed complex (<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>, <i>H. praealtum</i>, <i>H. floridundum</i>, and <i>Pilosella caespitosa</i>) - Orange hawkweed (<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>, <i>Pilosella aurantiaca</i>) - Tall buttercup (<i>Ranunculus acris</i>) - Perennial pepperweed (<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>) - Yellowflag iris (<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>) - Eurasian watermilfoil (<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>) - Flowering rush (<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>) - Common buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> L.) - Ventenata (<i>Ventenata dubia</i>)
Priority 2B	<p>These weeds are abundant in Montana and widespread in many counties. Management criteria will require eradication or containment where less abundant. Management shall be prioritized by local weed districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>) - Field bindweed (<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>) - Leafy spurge (<i>Euphorbia esula</i>) - Whitetop (<i>Cardaria draba</i>, <i>Lepidium draba</i>) - Russian knapweed (<i>Acroptilon repens</i>, <i>Rhaponticum repens</i>) - Spotted knapweed (<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>, <i>C. maculosa</i>) - Diffuse knapweed (<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>) - Dalmatian toadflax (<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>) - St. Johnswort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>) - Sulfur cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla recta</i>) - Common tansy (<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>) - Oxeye daisy (<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>) - Houndstongue (<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>) - Yellow toadflax (<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>) - Saltcedar (<i>Tamarix</i> spp.) - Curlyleaf pondweed (<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>) - Hoary alyssum (<i>Berteroa incana</i>)
Priority 3	<p>Regulated Plants: (NOT MONTANA LISTED NOXIOUS WEEDS)</p> <p>These regulated plants have the potential to have significant negative impacts. The plant may not be intentionally spread or sold other than as a contaminant in agricultural products. The state recommends research, education and prevention to minimize the spread of the regulated plant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheatgrass (<i>Bromus tectorum</i>) - Hydrilla (<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>) - Russian olive (<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>) - Brazilian waterweed (<i>Egeria densa</i>) - Parrot feather watermilfoil (<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> or <i>M. brasiliense</i>)
Priority 4	<p>Gallatin County Listed Noxious Weeds. Management shall be prioritized by the Weed District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scotch thistle (<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>) - Musk thistle (<i>Carduus nutans</i>) - Poison hemlock (<i>Conium maculatum</i>) - Field Scabious (<i>Knautia arvensis</i>)



CHEMICAL AND BIO-CONTROL COST SHARE APPLICATION (PART I)

Please fill out Part I of the application and return it to the Gallatin County Weed District for pre-approval before purchase of product or weed treatment.

Landowner, Subdivision or Group Representative Information

Name _____ Phone _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address _____

Name & location of subdivision (if applicable) _____

Email address _____

Information Regarding Area(s) to be Treated

Will the weed control be contracted out or done by yourself? Contracted Self

Expected date of herbicide purchase or treatment _____

Herbicide(s) or biocontrol agent(s) to be used and rates _____

Target weed(s) _____

Approximate size of area of weed infestation to be treated (sq.ft., acres) _____

Estimated cost of noxious weed treatment _____

Description of Area(s) to be Treated

Please include use of the land such as pasture, subdivision lot, hayfield, lawn, subdivision park, native grassland, etc. Please be specific on the location, and provide a rough sketch of the area in the box provided on the next page. The sketch should include location of noxious weeds to be treated, waterways, sensitive areas, and neighboring land uses. If applicable, please list all of the cooperating participants.

Description of Area(s) to be Treated *(continued)*

Sketch Area to be Treated *Include location of noxious weeds, waterways, sensitive areas, etc.*

Pre-approval authorization



Applicant Signature

Weed Board Chairman / Representative

Date

Date



CHEMICAL AND BIO-CONTROL COST-SHARE CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT

(PART II)

Submit this portion of the application after treatment of weeds has occurred.

Date(s) of herbicide purchase or treatment _____

Was the weed control contracted out or done by yourself? Contracted Self

If contracted, name of contractor _____

Herbicide/Biological agent(s) used and rates

1. _____ /acre

2. _____ /acre

3. _____ /acre

Approximate area of weed infestation in acres or sq. ft. _____

Total purchase cost of the labor/herbicide/biological agents _____

Make reimbursement payable to:

Name on Reimbursement Phone Number

Mailing Address City State Zip

X

Cost Share Applicant's Signature Date

PLEASE ATTACH ALL RECEIPT(S) TO THIS CLAIM FORM

For office use: _____ x 50% = _____

MAXIMUM PAYMENT IS \$200 PER CALENDAR YEAR

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