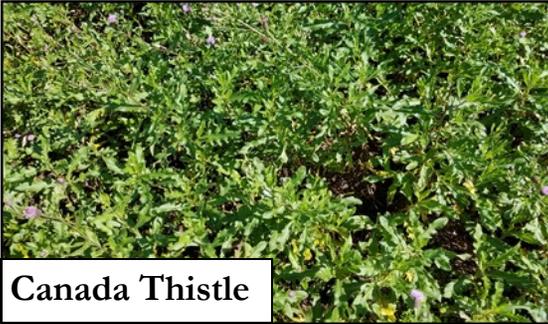


## Maryland's Noxious Weeds



Bull Thistle



Canada Thistle



Johnsongrass



Shattercane

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## A Guide for County Landowners



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Department of Agriculture**

## What does Maryland state law say regarding control of noxious weeds?

- The Agriculture Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland declares the following plants to be noxious weeds in the State:
  - Thistles belonging to the Asteraceae or Compositae family, including Canada, Musk, Nodding, Plumeless, and Bull Thistle
  - Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*) or hybrids that contain Johnsongrass as a parent; and
  - Shattercane and Wild Cane (*Sorghum bicolor*)
- In addition, the Agriculture Article declares *Rosa multiflora*, commonly known as multiflora rose, to be a public and common nuisance on land used for agricultural production.
- State law requires anyone owning or managing land within the State of Maryland, including public entities, to eradicate or control noxious weeds on that land by using approved practices including mowing, cultivating, and/or treating with an approved herbicide.



## Why are these plants regulated?

- Noxious weeds threaten the productive land of farmers and can cause unsightly and unwanted problems on private and public lands.

## What is the Queen Anne's County Weed Control Program and how can it help?

- Landowners and managers with the proper equipment, licenses, and expertise can control noxious weeds on their properties by themselves or they can hire properly licensed commercial or public agency services to do so on their behalf.
- As a service to County residents, the QAC Weed Control Program, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture, operates a weed control program to assist farmers; developers; right-of-way owners; federal, state, and local agencies and other landowners to control noxious weeds and other invasive species such as *Phragmites*.
- The QAC Weed Control Program can provide spot and boom spraying of approved herbicides on a fee-for-service basis.
- The QAC Weed Control Program is overseen, and has rates set, by a Weed Control Advisory Board appointed by the Commissioners of Queen Anne's County.

## What are the rates for the County's weed control services?

- Landowners using the County's weed control services are billed an hourly rate for labor plus the cost of the herbicides used.
- **Hourly rates:**
  - Farm Land \$55 per hour
  - Non-Farm Land \$100 per hour
  - CRP/CREP Sites \$125 per hour
  - Aquatic Weeds \$150 per hour
  - Invasive Species \$100 per hour
  - Minimum Charge One Hour

## What are the penalties for failing to control noxious weeds?

- Landowners or managers who fail to control noxious weeds can be prosecuted by the State's Attorney.
- The first offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both.
- Second or subsequent offenses are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.