



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 Control District is offering a Cost Share Program in which (50%) of the chemical and/or biological control agent and/or grazing cost will be shared by the Weed Control District up to \$75.00. 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 an annual minimum payment limit of \$10.00 and an annual maximum payment limit of \$100.00.
3. **An approved application must be on file in the Weed Control Office before treatment and/or releases are made. No applications will be accepted or claim sheets processed if herbicide treatment and/or biological releases and/or grazing treatment have been made without prior written approval by the Weed District.**
4. The program only covers the cost of the herbicide, surfactant, and/or the biological control agent and/or grazing treatment. **It does not cover the use of soil sterilants or non-selective herbicides such as Roundup, equipment rentals, contracted application costs, rearing costs, etc.** Grazing treatment is restricted to the use of sheep or goats that target noxious weeds.

Processing Procedures

1. Complete an application and return it to the Weed Control Office for approval. Return the application at least 10 working days prior to expected date of treatment or release of bio-control agents.
2. The Weed Board Representative will review the application. **Approval of the application is required prior to herbicide treatment and/or release of bio-control agents.** 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 or biological release. In the case of herbicide applications, spray your weeds using the proper equipment and safety measures. **Carefully read and follow the herbicide label.** Remember to 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 biological control agents, or poor land husbandry is noted, payment of the cost share claim will be denied. If in the case a 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 or biological release, submit a cost share claim sheet. Include the original receipt(s) for the herbicides or bio-control agents purchased to control the noxious weeds. The Weed District operates on a fiscal year basis from July 1 to June 30. If the chemicals or bio-control agents were purchased at the start of the field season (i.e., March, April, May, June) then the claim sheets with original receipt(s) **must be received** by the Weed District on or before **June 30th** or the claim sheet cannot be processed for that respective portion of the field season.

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 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>)
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"> - Dyer's woad (<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>) - Flowering rush (<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>) - Japanese knotweed complex (<i>Polygonum spp.</i>) - Purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum spp.</i>) - Rush skeletonweed (<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>) - Eurasian watermilfoil (<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>) - Scotch broom (<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>) - Curlyleaf pondweed (<i>Potamogeton crispus</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>) - Meadow hawkweed complex (<i>Hieracium spp.</i>) - Orange hawkweed (<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>) - Tall buttercup (<i>Ranunculus acris</i>) - Perennial pepperweed (<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>) - Yellowflag iris (<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>) - Blueweed (<i>Echium vulgare</i>) - Hoary alyssum (<i>Berteroa incana</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>) - Russian knapweed (<i>Centaurea repens</i>) - Spotted knapweed (<i>Centaurea stoebe</i> or <i>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>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i> or <i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>) - Houndstongue (<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>) - Yellow toadflax (<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>) - Saltcedar (<i>Tamarix spp.</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 plants 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</i>)
Priority 4	<p>Gallatin County Listed Noxious Weeds. Management shall be prioritized by Weed District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scotch thistle - Musk thistle - Meadow knapweed - Poison hemlock - Field Scabious - Scentless chamomile



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

Please completely fill out this application and return it to the Gallatin County Weed Control Office.

Landowner, Subdivision or Group Representative Information

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

Address _____

Name & Location of Subdivision *(if applicable)* _____

Information Regarding Area(s) to be Treated

Expected date of application or release _____

Herbicide(s) or bio-control 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 herbicide or bio-control agent(s) _____

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.*



Applicant Signature

Weed Board Chairman / Representative

Date

Date



**CHEMICAL AND BIO-CONTROL COST SHARE
CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT
(PART II)**

Date(s) of treatment or release _____

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 herbicide/biological agents _____

Original receipt for herbicide/biological agent attached

Last Name	First Name	Phone Number
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
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Cost Share Applicant's Signature	Date
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PLEASE ATTACH ALL ORIGINAL RECEIPT(S) TO THIS CLAIM FORM

For office use: _____ x 50% = _____

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