

Waukesha County



Landowner - Sample Notice 28 July 2009

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RE: Courtesy Weed Removal Request #20090728-999 / Tax Key VNT123456789

Dear landowner,

On 28 July 2009, 9AM, I inspected your fallow field. There are several sections of field where I noticed a large number of invasive weeds. As a courtesy to your town and neighbors, could you please remove these plants. Here are the invasive weeds that I found:

- Canada Thistle, *Cirsium arvense*, 2,000 to 4,000 plants. Identification: Light pink flat topped flower head, flowers 0.5 inches wide, flowers numerous. Plant height 2 to 4 feet tall, spiny, forming seed now. I recommend the hand removal of as many seed heads as possible and bagging these for trash pickup. Label the clear plastic bag, "Invasive Plants - Approved by WI DNR for landfilling". Wear leather gloves - spiny. This plant invades by spreading roots, simply cutting off the flower spike will not prevent it from returning next year. I recommend that you treat this plant with herbicide, cut, or mow, in October and then retreat plants that return in early June of next year.
- Nodding Plumeless Thistle, *Carduus nutans*, Identification: Purple nodding flower head, flowers solitary, 2-3 inches wide. Leaves deeply lobed, stems spiny and winged. Plant height 2 to 5 feet tall, spiny. I recommend a similar approach as stated above.
- I did not observe Field Bindweed, *Convolvulus arvensis*, on your land, but nearby properties have this invasive weed present. Please watch for it on your property and destroy this invasive weed if you encounter it. Identification: Pinkish white 5-parted funnel flowers, 0.7 inches long. Herbaceous vine 3-15 feet long, small bracts well below flower. I recommend pulling this weed by hand in small patches, or using herbicide for large infestations.

There is no need to pull or cut any other plant in your field. I merely am requesting the removal of the invasive weeds.

I would appreciate your immediate action to remove these. With your help, the town can prevent the spread of invasive weeds to neighboring lands. I will be in your area again in 5 days and will re-inspect your vegetation. If I notice that the invasive weeds have been removed, no further action will be taken.

Thank you once again for your attention to this matter.

Tom Krischan



Canada Thistle, *Cirsium arvense* / Musk Thistle or Nodding Plumeless Thistle, *Carduus nutans*.