

TWP/CITY _____
NAME _____
CONTACT INFO _____

Date: _____

Re: Infestation of noxious weeds on your property

Dear Landowner:

This letter is in regards to a noxious weed infestation on property owned by you. This property is located in _____ Township/City, Section/Address _____.

On _____, _____ the Township/City conducted weed inspections. Your property was identified as having an infestation of _____.

The Minnesota Noxious Weed law requires occupants, owners or their agents to control or eradicate noxious weeds growing on their property. This requirement is set forth in Minnesota Statute, Chapter 18, Section 18.78, Sub. 1, which reads as follows:

“Except as provided in Section 18.85, a person owning land or a person occupying land or a person responsible for the maintenance of public land shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on the land at a time and manner ordered by the commissioner, a county agricultural inspector, or a local weed inspector.”

Immediate steps are necessary to control the noxious weed growth on your property, please use one of the following control methods: 1) Cut down the noxious weed plants or pull them out of the ground; 2) Plow down, disc or otherwise till the land to control the noxious weeds; or 3) Use a herbicide that is labeled for the noxious weed listed, in compliance with label directions.

Township/City will be re-inspecting your property on or around _____. If by that time you have not complied with the requirements of the noxious weed law, an Individual Notice to Control or Eradicate Noxious Weeds may be issued by the Stearns County Agricultural Inspector.

If you fail to comply, someone may be hired to do the control or eradication work and the cost will be assessed to your taxes. This legal procedure is set forth in Minnesota Statute, Chapter 18, Section 18.83, Sub. 4, 5 and 6.

This letter serves as a notice of your responsibility to control noxious weeds growing on your property. Your cooperation in resolving this problem is appreciated. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact _____, Local Weed Inspector of _____ Township/City at _____ or the Stearns County Agricultural Inspector at 320-656-6578.

Sincerely,

_____ Township/City Local Weed Inspector

Enclosure