

NOXIOUS AND INVASIVE PLANTS

Wisconsin enforces noxious weeds under State Statute 66.0407 and Chapter NR 40 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. For Polk County specifically, the legal noxious and prohibited invasive weeds are categorized by the state's invasive species rule. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

These designated plants are illegal to possess, transport, transfer, or introduce without a permit. [1]

Statewide Noxious Weeds

- Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
- Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) [1, 2, 3]

Statewide Prohibited & Restricted Invasive Plants (Regulated in Polk County)

These plants pose severe ecological or economic threats locally: [1]

- **Prohibited (Must be eradicated):** Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Knotweed, Brazilian Waterweed, Yellow Floating Heart, and Japanese Chaff Flower.
- **Restricted (Must be controlled/prevented from spreading):** Wild Parsnip, Garlic Mustard, Purple Loosestrife, Wild Chervil, Common/Cutleaf Teasel, and Common Buckthorn. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7]

For a complete and searchable inventory of regulated plants in your region, view the full [Wisconsin DNR Invasive Plants List](#). [1]

Local Assistance

Because Giant and Japanese Knotweeds are high-priority concerns in the area, the county actively targets them. For technical control options, identifying a suspicious plant, or requesting advice on invasive species, you can contact the [Polk County Land and Water Resources Department](#) directly. [1, 2]

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