



Becker County

Noxious Weed Compliance Certification Requirements for Disturbed Areas in Becker County of the State of Minnesota

A person owning land, 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 in a manner ordered by the commissioner of agriculture, county agricultural inspector or a local weed inspector. (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 18, Section 18.78)

Gravel pit owner/operators:

Have the responsibility to ensure that all materials transported into or within counties listed above, from any area of operation including any stockpiles of topsoil, overburden, gravel, scoria, access routes, borrow pits etc. are free of noxious/invasive weeds for the state of Minnesota and the county where the pit is located.

All weed control is the responsibility of the owner/operator. Noxious weed control will comply with the weed list of the destination, state/county. *If noxious weeds are present, control must be done before certification can take place.* Acceptable weed control done by chemical or cultural (tillage, burying of plant material) will be acceptable. Bio-control is not acceptable.

When opening a new area or pit with noxious weeds present, topsoil must be removed and stock piled in mound for treatment, *not to be moved off property.*

Owner/operators will control weeds within the entire property area, spraying to the property lines. This will include all stockpiles of product, regardless of origin.

Each owner/operator will work on this in conjunction with the County Agriculture Inspector on noxious weed management on their property.

The County Agriculture Inspector:

Shall inspect operations, prior to material being removed and transported, to ensure the owner/operators are in compliance with, or not in compliance with Minnesota Weed Control law, (MN Statute Chapter 18-18.79).

County Agriculture Inspectors will have the authority to enforce the above regulations on all lands, including federally owned lands.

The County Ag. Inspector will issue a noxious weed compliance certification for each operation that has been inspected and found to be weed free which will be valid for one year.

Emergency clause: If the County Commissioners declare an emergency, the County Ag. Inspector shall wave these criteria for a two week period from the date of declaration.