

NOXIOUS WEED TOOL SHED

Noxious weeds are plants that are detrimental to human health, animal health, the environment, and infrastructure.

These weeds can cause physical harm to humans and animals with painful barbs or oils that cause skin burns. They can also out-compete native species, reducing biodiversity and the overall health of an ecosystem. When these plants become a nuisance, it's important to remove them and restore the land to native vegetation.

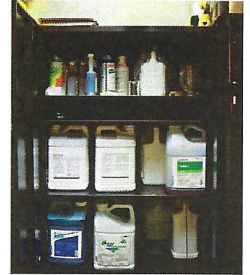
THE SCOTT SWCD RENTS EQUIPMENT TO HELP!

As part of the Scott Cooperative Weed Management Area (SCWMA) program, the Noxious Weed Tool Shed has resources to help control noxious weeds and invasive species.

Plant removal equipment, herbicides and seed mixes will be available to Scott County residents to use for the purpose of managing noxious and invasive species on private property. The equipment may also be used for maintenance of maintenance of conservation projects.



Manual removal



Chemical removal

Identify



Scott SWCD technicians are available to assist with invasive species and noxious weed identification on your property.

Treat



Scott County residents can rent a variety of weed removal tools and herbicides. Scott SWCD technicians provide instruction on equipment use and calibration services for herbicides.

Restore








Seed mixes are available to establish biodiverse native vegetation and prevent invasive species from returning.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To be eligible for use of the Noxious Weed Tool Shed's resources, the following criteria must be met:

- Treatment area must be in Scott County.
- Location and size of treatment area must be provided.
- List of species targeted for treatment must be provided.
- Applicants must review herbicide safety documents with SWCD technician.
- Applicant must sign a rental contract and liability release agreement prior to equipment use.
- Rented equipment must be triple rinsed and thoroughly cleaned prior to returning.
- Limited to 2 rentals/year

A refundable deposit will be collected for all equipment and refunded to the renter upon return of the equipment within the contract period and undamaged. Equipment and herbicide will be available first-come, first-serve and is subject to change dependent on supplies availability.

Equipment	Use	Rental Period	Refundable Deposit
Weed Wrenches 	<p>Used for the physical removal of buckthorn at its roots. The wrench will allow for the entire stump removal of buckthorn and other woody invasive species.</p> <p>For best results, work in teams of two.</p>	1 week	\$50
Loppers and Hand Saws 	<p>Used for the physical removal of buckthorn and other woody or prickly noxious weeds or invasive species.</p> <p>Not recommended for ground cover plants like vetch, trefoil, or spurge.</p>	1 week	\$10
4 Gallon Backpack Sprayers* 	<p>Pre mixed with herbicide.</p> <p>The 4 Gallon backpack sprayer is perfect for areas greater than 10,000 square feet. Can be used on all types of vegetation.</p>	1 week	\$25
1 Gallon Hand Sprayers* 	<p>Pre mixed with herbicide.</p> <p>The 4 Gallon backpack sprayer is perfect for areas smaller than 10,000 square feet. Can be used on all types of vegetation.</p>	1 week	\$15
4 Oz Buckthorn Blasters* 	<p>Pre mixed with herbicide.</p> <p>The Buckthorn Blaster is used to apply herbicide to the rims of freshly cut stumps and stems with its foam applicator tip.</p>	1 week	\$10

*Sprayers & Buckthorn Blasters will be pre-mixed with the herbicide by an SWCD technician.

A complimentary bag (1,000 sq. ft.) of native seed will be provided with each rental.