**Weed Abatement Program**

**Kochia Scoparia**

May 1—Oct 31

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VIEW ENTIRE WEED CODE AT:

www.gjcity.org

Chapter 8.04 of the Municipal Code
Although Code Enforcement responds to weed, junk and rubbish complaints (244-1593) on private property any time during the year, the weed abatement program (244-1583) runs from May 1 to October 31 each year.

In addition to the removal of weeds within your property lines, all property owners, regardless of the size of their property, will be responsible for any area between the property line and the edge of the curb or street and to the centerline of any alleyway. This includes those areas between sidewalks and streets. All ditches should also be cleared of weeds.

Owners of undeveloped land over one acre (no sheds, utility boxes, old foundations, roads, etc.) including agricultural land are required to keep weeds cut within 20 feet of any adjacent developed parcel or tract and within 40 feet of any adjacent right-of-way. For storm water management best practice, cutting is preferred to scraping.

The most common weeds around the City include: puncturevine (goat heads), kochia, Russian knapweed, and foxtails. These and other weeds left unattended will get a Notice of Violation.

DO NOT WAIT FOR A NOTICE OF VIOLATION before cutting your weeds; take charge of your property and keep the weeds under control.

Violation Process

The City of Grand Junction has a seasonal weed inspector who writes weed notices and citations proactively and in response to citizen complaints. The violation process is outlined below:

1. Initial inspection is performed and a Notice of Violation is posted at the property and mailed to the owner of record. Seven calendar days are given to comply. There is NO FINE with the Notice of Violation.
2. 1st re-inspection is completed for the Notice of Violation. If the property passes, the case is closed. Failure to comply results in an Administrative Citation and a $150 fine. Property is posted and the citation is mailed to the owner of record. Another seven calendar days is given for the property owner to comply.
3. 2nd re-inspection is completed for the Administrative Citation. If the weeds have been removed, the Administrative Citation fine is reduced to $50. If the violation is not corrected, the weeds will be cut and removed at the owner’s expense. In addition to the $150 fine, the owner will be assessed an hourly rate, plus a 25% administrative charge, and a cut penalty amount.
4. Unpaid balances for fines, fees, penalties and weed cutting and removal become a tax lien against the property.

THE SMALLER THE WEEDS ARE, THE EASIER AND LESS EXPENSIVE YOUR JOB WILL BE!

State law requires that integrated management systems be used by all persons in Colorado to manage noxious weeds. Go to the Colorado Weed Management Association, www.CWMA.org, for a list of designated noxious weeds.

Integrated management is a combination of mechanical, biological, and chemical methods of control. These noxious weeds include, but are not limited to, Russian Knapweed and Whitetop.

Call Tri-River Extension Service at (970-244-1934) or visit www.coloradostate.edu for information on creating a management plan for your property.

Please offer assistance to those around you who are unable to get out and cut or pull weeds. Together we can continue to keep the City of Grand Junction a beautiful community!

To report weeds, please call Weed Abatement at 970-244-1583. or email weeds@gjcity.org