

2016 King County Noxious Weed Control Recertification Seminars

Sponsored by: King County Noxious Weed Control Program
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- **Kent Session:** May 4, [GRCC Kent Campus](#) at [Kent Station](#), 417 Ramsay Way #112, Kent, WA 98032, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (note: different time than the other two sessions)
- **Kenmore Session:** May 11, [Northshore Utility District](#), 6830 NE 185th St., Kenmore, WA 98028, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Preston Session:** May 18, [Preston Community Center](#), 310th Ave SE and Preston Fall City Rd SE, I-90 Exit 22, Preston, WA 98027, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NOTE: Times in parentheses are for the Kent Session, which begins 30 minutes later.

Morning Session

7:30-8:00 (8:00-8:30): Registration, refreshments and self-guided weed tour

Live and pressed weed specimens will be available and labeled for a self-guided weed study.

8:00-8:20 (8:30-8:50): Weed List Updates and New Listed Species

Sasha Shaw, Communication Specialist, King County Noxious Weed Control Program (KCNWCP)

Sasha will review the state noxious weed list and provide an update on new noxious weeds and monitor species to watch for this year. Identification tips, habitat and known locations will be provided for new species to help with early detection and rapid response.

8:20-9:20 (8:50-9:50): Noxious Weed ID and Control, Part One

Noxious Weed Specialists, KCNWCP

Noxious weed specialists from the King County Noxious Weed Control Program will teach how to identify and control some of the key noxious weeds found in King County. This will include some species that are limited in distribution but that have the potential for spread and serious impacts. It will also cover a few more widespread weeds that are either poisonous or otherwise harmful to people or livestock or that are invading and impacting natural areas in the county.

9:20-9:30 (9:50-10:00): BREAK

9:30-10:40 (10:00-11:10): Noxious Weed ID and Control, Part Two

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10:40-11:30 (11:10-12:00): WSDA Update on Pesticide Use, Mis-use, Laws and Safety

Rusty Sauls, Pesticide Compliance Investigator, Washington State Department of Agriculture

Rusty will give update on a variety of useful topics including current pesticide mis-use cases, Federal and State licensing changes, WSDA updates and reminders, EPA definition of "USE", Pesticide Sensitive Individuals, and an Applicators Checklist.

11:30-12:30 (12:00-1:00): LUNCH (on your own – can bring a sack lunch or eat out)

Afternoon Session

12:30-1:20 (1:00-1:50): Using Volunteers for Invasive Plant Management on Public Lands

Note: each session will have a different presenter but the content will be equivalent.

Kent: *Desiree' Kennedy, Green Kent Steward Lead, Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services*

Kenmore: *Katie Cava, Green Kirkland Partnership, Kirkland Parks & Community Services*

Preston: *Tina Miller, Volunteer Coordinator, King County Parks and Recreation*

The presenters will describe how volunteers are one tool in the toolbox for managing invasive plants on public lands. The training and coordination of volunteers is an important component of how to improve the effectiveness of volunteer weed control efforts. Good communication between paid staff and volunteer programs is also crucial for avoiding problems and unintended consequences. Although volunteers can contribute significantly to the management of weeds on public lands, the presenters will share lessons learned about how to use this tool effectively and pitfalls to avoid.

1:20-2:10 (1:50-2:40): Understanding WDFW's Rules for Aquatic Plant Removal and Control

Stewart Reinbold, Assistant Regional Habitat Program Manager, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

This presentation will cover the updated state rules on weed control activities in and near water as they relate to fish and wildlife habitat protection. These rules are summarized in the Aquatic Plants and Fish booklet commonly called the HPA Pamphlet Permit, which was recently updated with the revised rules. It is important for weed control activities to be timed and planned as to avoid impacting the habitat of fish and other wildlife. This talk will help practitioners stay in compliance with state rules and avoid harming fish and wildlife when they are controlling weeds.

2:10-2:20 (2:40-2:50): BREAK

2:20-3:20 (2:50-3:50): Knotweed Control and Injector Training (participants will qualify to borrow the program's knotweed injectors)

Justin Brooks and Sayward Glise, Riparian Weed Specialists, KCNWCP

This workshop will review the methods used to control knotweed including the stem injection method. Participants will be taught how to use and care for the knotweed injector tool to ensure safe, legal and effective use when controlling knotweed. There will be an opportunity for hands-on practice assembling, calibrating, injecting knotweed stems (with water), cleaning and disassembling the equipment. Participants in this training will qualify to borrow the program's injectors.

3:20-3:30 (3:50-4:00): Wrap up and Q&A Time – pick up materials, study plant specimens, sign up for credits, questions and answers