



2024 KING COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

The King County Noxious Weed Control Board has adopted this Noxious Weed List in accordance with RCW 17.10 and WAC 16-750.

☼ Known to occur in King County	☼ Historically present, but thought to be eradicated
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REGULATED CLASS A WEEDS

State law requires property owners to eradicate all Class A species due to potential threat and limited distribution:

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Class
☼	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard	A
	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	palmer amaranth^{8a}	A
☼	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	false brome	A
	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush	A
	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>	thistle, ashen^{9l}	A
	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	thistle, shore^{9m}	A
	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	thistle, slenderflower	A
	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	purple starthistle	A
☼	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	knapweed, bighead	A
	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	knapweed, short fringed^{9h}	A
	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>	orange peel clematis⁹ⁱ	A
☼	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	common crupina	A
☼	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	eggleaf spurge	A
☼	<i>Galega officinalis</i>	goatsrue	A
☼	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	soft broom^{8e1}	A
☼	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	reed sweetgrass	A
	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>	Texas blueweed	A
☼	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	giant hogweed	A
☼	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	hydrilla	A
☼	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>	small flowered jewelweed	A
	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	dyers woad	A
☼	<i>Limnobium laevigatum</i>	smooth frogbit^{9k}	A
☼	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	floating primrose willow	A

	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>	wild four o'clock	A
	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> and <i>M. heterophyllum</i> x <i>M. hippuroides</i>	variable leaf milfoil and hybrids^{8a}	A
	<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>	kudzu	A
	<i>Salvia aethiopsis</i>	sage, Mediterranean	A
	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	meadow clary	A
✿	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>	sage, clary	A
✿	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>	ricefield bulrush	A
✿	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	thistle, milk	A
✿	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	silverleaf nightshade	A
	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	Johnsongrass	A
	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	cordgrass, smooth	A
✿	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	cordgrass, common	A
	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	cordgrass, dense flowered	A
	<i>Spartina patens</i>	cordgrass, salt meadow	A
✿	<i>Spartium junceum</i>	rush broom^{9j}	A
	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	bean-caper^{9g}	A

REGULATED CLASS B WEEDS

Regulated in counties where they are limited in distribution or a local priority. The following Class B weeds have been designated by the State Weed Board or selected by the King County Weed Board. Property owners in King County are required to control these species.

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Class
✿	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	velvetleaf	B-Reg
	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	camelthorn	B-Reg
	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	indigobush	B-Reg
✿	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	bugloss, common	B-Reg
✿	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	wild chervil	B-Reg
✿	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	kochia	B-Reg
	<i>Berteroa incana</i>	hoary alyssum	B-Reg
✿	<i>Bryonia alba</i>	white bryony	B-Reg
	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	fanwort	B-Reg
✿	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	thistle, plumeless	B-Reg
✿	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	thistle, musk	B-Reg
✿	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	knapweed, diffuse	B-Reg
✿	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	knapweed, brown	B-Reg
	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	tocalote⁹ⁿ	B-Reg
	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	knapweed, black	B-Reg
✿	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	starthistle, yellow	B-Reg
✿	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	knapweed, spotted	B-Reg
✿	<i>Centaurea x gerstlaueri</i>	knapweed, meadow	B-Reg

✿	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	rush skeletonweed	B-Reg
✿	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	wild basil	B-Reg
✿	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	houndstongue	B-Reg
✿	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	yellow nutsedge	B-Reg
✿	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	blueweed; viper's bugloss	B-Reg
✿	<i>Egeria densa</i>	egeria^{1,8d, 9a}	B-Reg
✿	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	hairy willowherb	B-Reg
✿	<i>Euphorbia virgata</i>	spurge, leafy	B-Reg
✿	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	hawkweed, orange	B-Reg
✿	<i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>	hawkweed, autumn^{8e3}	B-Reg
✿	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>	hawkweeds: all non-native species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus²	B-Reg
✿	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	policeman's helmet	B-Reg
✿	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	tansy ragwort³	B-Reg
✿	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	perennial pepperweed	B-Reg
✿	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian toadflax	B-Reg
✿	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>	water primrose	B-Reg
✿	<i>Lycopsis arvensis</i>	bugloss, annual	B-Reg
✿	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	loosestrife, garden	B-Reg
✿	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	loosestrife, purple	B-Reg
✿	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	parrotfeather	B-Reg
	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	yellow floating heart	B-Reg
✿	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	thistle, cotton^{8e4}	B-Reg
✿	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed (non-native genotypes)	B-Reg
	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	hawkweed oxtongue	B-Reg
✿	<i>Potentilla recta</i>	sulfur cinquefoil	B-Reg
	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	hardheads^{8e2}	B-Reg
	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	grass leaved arrowhead	B-Reg
✿	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	saltcedar	B-Reg
✿	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	European coltsfoot	B-Reg
✿	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	tussilago^{8e5}	B-Reg
✿	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	gorse	B-Reg

REGULATED CLASS C WEEDS

The following Class C weeds have been selected by the King County Weed Board based on potential threat and feasibility of control. Property owners in King County are required to control these species.

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Class
✿	<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> , <i>A. breviligulata</i> , and <i>A. arenaria</i> x <i>breviligulata</i>	beachgrasses (marram) & their hybrid^{8b}	C-Reg
✿	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	absinth wormwood	C-Reg

NON-REGULATED NOXIOUS WEEDS

Property owners in King County are not required to control the following Class B and C weeds, but control is recommended where feasible due to their impacts. Species that are classified with "selective" require control within specific geographical parameters. See footnotes for details.

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Class
✿	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Arum italicum</i>	orange candleflower^{9o}	C-NonReg
	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	common barberry	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	butterfly bush	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Carex pendula</i> (ssp. <i>pendula</i> and ssp. <i>agastachys</i>)	hanging sedge⁵	B-Selective
✿	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	rough chervil⁵	B-Selective
✿	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	thistle, creeping^{9e}	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	thistle, bull	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	old man's beard	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock^{7, 8d}	B-Selective
✿	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	jubata grass	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas grass	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	common hawthorn^{9b}	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom⁶	B-Selective
✿	<i>Daphne laureola</i>	spurge laurel	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Daucus carota</i> (excluding ssp. <i>sativus</i>)	wild carrot	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	common teasel	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	myrtle spurge	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>	knotweed, itadori^{5, 9d}	B-Selective
✿	<i>Fallopia sachalinensis</i>	knotweed, giant⁵	B-Selective
✿	<i>Fallopia x bohemica</i>	knotweed, hybrid^{5, 9c}	B-Selective
✿	<i>Ficaria verna</i>	lesser celandine	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (excluding <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i>)	common fennel	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	shiny geranium¹⁰	B-Selective
✿	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	herb Robert	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Pittsburgh', <i>Hedera helix</i> 'Star'	ivy, common^{8e7}	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Hedera hibernica</i>	ivy, Atlantic	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i> (except <i>Hieracium sabaudum</i>)	hawkweeds; all non-native species and hybrids of the wall subgenus except European hawkweed²	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	common St. Johnswort⁴	C-NonReg

✿	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	common catsear	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	spotted jewelweed	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow flag iris	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	yellow archangel	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	hairy whitetop	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Lepidium draba</i>	hoary cress	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	oxeye daisy	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	yellow toadflax	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	spiked watermilfoil^{8e9}	B-NonReg
	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>M. sibiricum</i>	spiked watermilfoil hybrid^{8e9}	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	fragrant water lily	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	green alkanet	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	knotweed, garden^{5, 8e8}	B-Selective
✿	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	curly leaf pondweed	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	blackberry, Himalayan	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	blackberry, cutleaf^{8e6}	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	common groundsel	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	white cockle	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	buffalobur^{8c}	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	common tansy	B-NonReg
	<i>Tripidium ravennae</i>	Ravenna grass	B-NonReg
✿	<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	scentless mayweed	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Typha angustifolia</i> , <i>T. domingensis</i> , and <i>T. x glauca</i> (and any other nonnative <i>Typha</i> spp.) (does not include native cattail <i>T. latifolia</i>)	cattail, nonnative species and hybrids (does not include native species common cattail)	C-NonReg
✿	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	ventenata	C-NonReg

WEEDS OF CONCERN

The King County Weed Board also encourages control of non-native, invasive plants that are not on the state noxious weed list but have impacts in King County. Plants on this list are considered Invasive Vegetation in King County's Critical Areas Ordinance (KCC 21A.06.641C). Property owners are not required to control these plants. Education is being provided as authorized by RCW 17.10.090.

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Category
☼	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	harlequin maple; Norway maple	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>	bishop's weed	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	horse-chestnut	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	bur chervil	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Calystegia x lucana</i>	bindweed, nonnative species and hybrids (does not include native hedge bindweed)	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Fallopia baldschuanica</i> (syn. <i>Polygonum aubertii</i>)	silver lace vine	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	common holly ^{9p}	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Lathyrus sylvestris</i> , <i>L. latifolius</i>	introduced peavines	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	bird's-foot trefoil	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Prunus avium</i>	bird cherry	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	cherry laurel ^{9f}	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Ranunculus acris</i>	buttercup, tall	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	buttercup, creeping	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	black locust	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	multiflora rose	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Rubus vestitus</i>	vested blackberry	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	bittersweet nightshade	Weed of Concern
☼	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	European mountain-ash	Weed of Concern

NOTES

Bold font indicates a change for 2024 (see note 8)

1. Egeria is designated for control throughout King County except in Green Lake, Lake Washington, Lake Sammamish, Lake Union, Lake Fenwick, Lake Doloff and the Sammamish River.
2. Non-native yellow-flowered hawkweeds (*Hieracium* species) are consolidated into two Class B listings by subgenus - meadow (*Pilosella*) and wall (*Hieracium*). All species of the meadow subgenus are designated by the State Weed Board for required control in King County. The species European hawkweed (*Hieracium sabaudum*) in the wall hawkweed subgenus has been selected by the King County Weed Board for required control throughout King County. Control of all other species in the wall hawkweed subgenus is not required in King County.
3. Tansy ragwort is not designated by the State Weed Board for control in King County, but has been selected by the King County Weed Board for required control in all areas of King County.
4. Permit from KC Weed Board required to grow common St. Johnswort as a crop in King County.
5. Control of rough chervil; hanging sedge; hybrid, itadori, giant, and Himalayan knotweed is required on the Green River and its tributaries upstream of the Auburn City Limits and on the Cedar River and its tributaries upstream of the Renton City Limits (tributaries included are those defined as Type S, F or N aquatic areas in KCC 21A.24.355). Control of these invasive knotweed species is required up to the ordinary high water mark (or up to the top of the bank if the ordinary high water mark cannot be identified) and in the adjacent buffer area as specified in KCC 21A.24.358. This requirement to control knotweed is contingent upon the noxious weed program or program partners providing knotweed control services in the selected area for affected private landowners who request assistance.
6. Control of Scotch broom is required on the right-of-way of King County's section of SR-2 and on the I-90 right-of-way between mile marker 34 and the King/Kittitas county line.
7. Control of poison hemlock is required on all public lands and public and railroad rights-of-way within King County.
8. **Change indicated from 2023 list:**
 - a. Required additions from state list: Palmer Amaranth & Variable leaf watermilfoil hybrids
 - b. County-selected addition: beachgrasses (marram) & their hybrid
 - c. County-selected subtraction: buffalobur de-selected for regulation
 - d. County requested designation change: egeria selection defined in note 1 (Green Lake added), poison hemlock selection defined in note 7 (railroad rights-of-way added)
 - e. Common names to be changed to uniquely descriptive name or away from nationalist and/or exclusionary language: **1.** French broom to soft broom; **2.** Russian knapweed to hardheads; **3.** European Hawkweed to autumn hawkweed; **4.** Scotch thistle to cotton thistle; **5.** European coltsfoot to tussilago; **6.** Evergreen blackberry to cutleaf blackberry; **7.** English ivy to common ivy; **8.** Himalayan knotweed to garden knotweed; **9.** Eurasian watermilfoil to spiked watermilfoil
9. Previous common name changes (within the last 4 years): **a.** Brazilian elodea; **b.** English hawthorn; **c.** Bohemian knotweed; **d.** Japanese knotweed; **e.** Canada thistle; **f.** English laurel; **g.** Syrian bean-caper; **h.** Vochin knapweed; **i.** Oriental clematis; **j.** Spanish broom; **k.** South American spongeplant; **l.** Turkish thistle; **m.** Italian thistle; **n.** Malta starthistle; **o.** Italian arum; **p.** English holly
10. Control of shiny geranium is required at any elevation equal to or greater than 1000 feet within King County.