



Kitsap County

2025 Noxious Weed List:

Regulated Weeds



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**KITSAP
COUNTY**

2025 Updates

CLASS A

- The addition of **round leaf bittersweet**, *Celastrus orbiculatus*
- The addition of **marsh thistle**, *Cirsium palustre* (right)

No changes to Class B or Class C noxious weeds in Kitsap County at this time. See bottom of document for Kitsap County Weeds of Concern.



CLASS A

Non-native species whose distribution in Washington is still limited. Preventing new infestations and eradicating existing infestations are the highest priority. Eradication of all Class A plants is required by law.



CLASS B

Non-native species presently limited to portions of the State. Species are designated for required control in regions where they are not yet widespread. Preventing new infestations in these areas is a high priority. In regions where a Class B species is already abundant, control is decided at the local level, with containment as the primary goal.



CLASS C

Noxious weeds that are typically widespread in WA or are of special interest to the state's agricultural industry. The Class C status allows county weed boards to require control if locally desired, or they may choose to provide education or technical consultation.

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[KCOWA.US/NOXIOUSWEEDS](https://kcowa.us/noxiousweeds)



2025 KITSAP COUNTY LIST OF REGULATED WEEDS

All weeds listed below are **required** for control.

Additions Highlighted and Underlined

CLASS A WEEDS

Eradication Required

Scientific Name	Common Name	Class
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	garlic mustard	A
<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	Palmer amaranth	A
<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	false brome	A
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	flowering rush	A
<i>Carduus cinereus</i>	thistle, Turkish	A
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	thistle, Italian	A
<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	thistle, slenderflower	A
<u><i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i></u>	<u>round leaf bittersweet</u>	A
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	purple starthistle	A
<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	knapweed, bighead	A
<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	knapweed, Vochin	A
<u><i>Cirsium palustre</i></u>	<u>thistle, marsh</u>	A
<i>Clematis orientalis</i>	oriental clematis	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>	French broom	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>	dyer's woad	A
<i>Limnobiium laevigatum</i>	South American spongeplant	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 hybrid	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, saltmeadow	A
<i>Spartium junceum</i>	Spanish broom	A
<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	Syrian beancaper	A

CLASS B WEEDS

Control Required for Designates (D)

Control: To prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of all propagative parts capable of forming new plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Control Required (D)
<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	velvetleaf	D
<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	camelthorn	D
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	indigobush	D
<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	bugloss, annual	D
<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	bugloss, common	D
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	wild chervil	D
<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	kochia	D
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	hoary alyssum	D
<i>Bryonia alba</i>	white bryony	D
<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	fanwort	D
<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	thistle, plumeless	D
<i>Carduus nutans</i>	thistle, musk	D
<i>Carex pendula</i> , <i>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>pendula</i> , <i>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>agastachys</i>	hanging sedge	D
<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	knapweed, diffuse	D
<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	knapweed, brown	D
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Malta starthistle	D
<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	knapweed, black	D
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	yellow starthistle	D
<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	knapweed, spotted	D
<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i>	knapweed, meadow	D
<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	rough chervil	D
<i>ChoNon-Designaterilla juncea</i>	rush skeletonweed	D
<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	wild basil	D
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	poison hemlock	D
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	houndstongue	D
<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	yellow nutsedge	D
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	blueweed	D
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	hairy willowherb	D

<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	spurge, leafy	D
<i>Ficaria verna</i>	lesser celandine	D
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i>)	common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)	D
<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	shiny geranium	D
<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	hawkweed, orange	D
<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i>	hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus	D
<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>	hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus	D
<i>Impatiens glabra</i> Non-Designate <i>ulifera</i>	policeman's helmet	D
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	perennial pepperweed	D
<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>	Dalmatian toadflax	D
<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>	water primrose	D
<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	loosestrife, garden	D
<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	parrotfeather	D
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil	D
<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	yellow floatingheart	D
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	thistle, Scotch	D
<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	knotweed, Himalayan	D
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	common reed (nonnative genotypes only)	D
<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	hawkweed oxtongue	D
<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	knotweed, giant	D
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	sulfur cinquefoil	D
<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	knapweed, Russian	D
<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	grass-leaved arrowhead	D
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	saltcedar	D
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	tansy, common	D
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncturevine	D
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	European coltsfoot	D
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	gorse	D