



# Kitsap County

## 2026 Noxious Weed List

*RCW 17.10.090 requires county noxious weed boards to hold a public hearing and adopt a county weed list within 90 days of the state noxious weed list adoption. The Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board adopted the county's 2026 noxious weed list following a public hearing on February 11, 2026.*

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Visit <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/whats-new> to learn more about the changes to the Washington State Noxious Weed List in 2026. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) [16-750](#) contains the latest state noxious weed list adopted by the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board.



## 2026 Updates

### CLASS A

- The addition of **waterhemp**, *Amaranthus tuberculatus*
- The addition of **delta arrowhead**, *Sagittaria platyphylla*
- The addition of **sunflower broomrape**, *Orobanche cumana*

### CLASS C

- The addition of **Norway maple**, *Acer platanoides*
- The addition of **English or common holly**, *Ilex aquifolium*
- The addition of **black locust**, *Robinia pseudoacacia*
- The designation for control of **Italian arum**, *Arum italicum* (pictured right).

No changes to Class B noxious weeds in Kitsap County at this time.



### CLASS A

Noxious weeds that are very rare or not yet established in Washington. Because they pose a serious threat to the state, **eradication is required**.



### CLASS B

Noxious weeds that are present in Washington but are not widespread in every region of the state. In regions where they are still limited, control is required to stop them from spreading. In regions where they are already common, the local noxious weed board may require control.



### CLASS C

Noxious weeds that are widespread in Washington. Class C species may be designated for local control by the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board.



### WEEDS OF CONCERN

These species are not currently on the state noxious weed list but are a concern to the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board. Control and containment are encouraged.

Please see [WAC 16-750](#) for definitions and descriptions of each Class.

# 2026 KITSAP COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST BY CLASS

Additions or Changes 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
<u><i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i></u>	<u>waterhemp</u>	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
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	round leaf bittersweet	A
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	purple starthistle	A
<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	knapweed, bighead	A
<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	knapweed, Vochin	A
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	thistle, marsh	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>Limnobium 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
<u><i>Orobanche cumana</i></u>	<u>Sunflower broomrape</u>	A
<i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i>	kudzu	A
<u><i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i></u>	<u>delta arrowhead</u>	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)

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>Buddleja davidii</i>	butterfly bush	Non-Designate
<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>Chondrilla 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>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch broom	Non-Designate
<i>Daphne laureola</i>	spurge laurel	Non-Designate
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	blueweed	D
<i>Egeria densa</i>	Brazilian elodea	Non-Designate
<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	hairy willowherb	D
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	spurge, leafy	D
<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	spurge, myrtle	Non-Designate
<i>Ficaria verna</i>	lesser celandine	D
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i> )	common fennel, (except bulbous fennel)	D

<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	shiny geranium	D
<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	herb-Robert	Non-Designate
<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 glandulifera</i>	policeman's helmet	D
<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	tansy ragwort	Non-Designate
<i>Lamiastrum galeobdolon</i>	yellow archangel	Non-Designate
<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>Lythrum salicaria</i>	loosestrife, purple	Non-Designate
<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	loosestrife, wand	Non-Designate
<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 cuspidatum</i>	knotweed, Japanese	Non-Designate
<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	knotweed, giant	D
<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>	knotweed, Bohemian	Non-Designate
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	sulfur cinquefoil	D
<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	knapweed, Russian	D
<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>	Ravenna grass	Non-Designate
<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	grass-leaved arrowhead	D
<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	saltcedar	D
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	tansy, common	D
<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>	spurge flax	Non-Designate
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncturevine	D
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	European coltsfoot	D
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	gorse	D

# CLASS C WEEDS

## Control Required for Designates

Scientific Name	Common Name	Class
<u><i>Acer platanoides</i></u>	<u>Norway maple</u>	C
<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	jointed goatgrass	C
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree-of-heaven	C
<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	blackgrass	C
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> , <i>A. breviligulata</i> , and <i>A. arenaria</i> x <i>A. breviligulata</i>	Beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid	C
<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	absinth wormwood	C
<u><i>Arum italicum</i></u>	<u>Italian arum</u>	C-Designate
<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	common barberry	C
<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>	longspine sandbur	C
<i>Centromadia pungens</i>	spikeweed	C
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	thistle, Canada	C
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	thistle, bull	C
<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	old man's beard	C
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	field bindweed, morning glory	C
<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	jubata grass	C
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	Pampas grass	C
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	English hawthorn	C
<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>	smoothseed alfalfa dodder	C
<i>Daucus carota</i>	wild carrot (except where commercially grown)	C
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	common teasel	C
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian olive	C
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	babysbreath	C
<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and <i>H. hibernica</i> 'Hibernica'	English ivy - four cultivars only	C
<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	black henbane	C
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	common St. Johnswort	C
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	common catsear	C
<u><i>Ilex aquifolium</i></u>	<u>English, common holly (except where commercially grown)</u>	C
<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	spotted jewelweed	C
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	yellow flag iris	C
<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	hairy whitetop	C
<i>Lepidium draba</i>	hoary cress	C
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	oxeye daisy	C
<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	yellow toadflax	C
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid	C
<i>Nanozostera japonica</i>	Japanese eelgrass	C
<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	fragrant waterlily	C
<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	green alkanet	C

<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	reed canarygrass	C
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	curlyleaf pondweed	C
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	black locust	C
<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>	Austrian fieldcress	C
<i>Rubus bifrons (Rubus armeniacus)</i>	Himalayan blackberry	C
<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	evergreen blackberry	C
<i>Secale cereale</i>	cereal rye	C
<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	common groundsel	C
<i>Silene latifolia</i>	white cockle	C
<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	buffalobur	C
<i>Soliva sessilis</i>	lawnweed	C
<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	perennial sowthistle	C
<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>	Swainsonpea	C
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	medusahead	C
<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	scentless mayweed	C
<i>Typha</i> species	nonnative cattail species and hybrids (reminder, does not include the native common cattail, <i>Typha latifolia</i> )	C
<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	ventenata	C
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	spiny cocklebur	C

## WEEDS OF CONCERN

These species are not currently on the state noxious weed list but are a concern to the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board. Control and containment are encouraged.

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Sycamore maple
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	horse chestnut
<i>Akebia quinata</i>	chocolate vine
<i>Aponogeton distachyos</i>	cape-pondweed
<i>Calystegia silvatica</i> ssp. <i>disjuncta</i> , <i>C. x lucana</i>	Bindweed
<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	ice plant
<i>Cotoneaster franchetii</i>	Franchet cotoneaster
<i>Cotoneaster rehderi</i>	Bullate cotoneaster
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	Sweetscented bedstraw
<i>Galium odoratum</i>	sweet woodruff
<i>Lingustrum vulgare</i>	European privet
<i>Marsilea mutica</i>	Australian water clover
<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	Spotted ladythumb
<i>Petasites japonicus</i>	Fuki
<i>Prunus avium</i>	bird cherry
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	Thundercloud plum
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	cherry laurel
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>	Portugal laurel
<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Scarlet firethorn
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English oak
<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	creeping buttercup
<i>Salix x fragilis</i>	crack willow
<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	bittersweet nightshade
<i>Ulmus pumila</i>	Siberian elm
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring tree
<i>Vinca major</i>	periwinkle
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Vinca