

Certification Standards

The Division of Agriculture, in partnership with Alaskan stakeholders and agencies, has adopted standards developed by the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA). The Weed-Free Gravel Certification Program uses NAWMA standards, adapted to meet Alaska's unique needs. Species of special concern to Alaska are noted in bold.



Alaskan Species of Concern *

White Sweetclover	Hawkbit/fall dandelion
Narrowleaf hawkweed	Hempnettle
Narrowleaf hawksbeard	Black bindweed/wild buckwheat
Reed canarygrass	Bohemian Knotweed
Bird vetch	Giant Knotweed
Japanese knotweed	

* find the most current version of this list at:

plants.alaska.gov/invasives/weed-free/

NAWMA Invasive Weed List

Absinth wormwood	Perennial sorghum
Bermudagrass	Perennial sowthistle
Buffalobur	Plumeless thistle
Canada thistle	Poison hemlock
Common burdock	Puncturevine
Common crupina	Purple loosestrife
Common tansy	Quackgrass
Dalmatian toadflax	Rush skeletonweed
Diffuse knapweed	Russian knapweed
Dyers woad	Scentless chamomile
Field bindweed	Scotch broom
Hemp (marijuana)	Scotch thistle
Henbane, Black	Sericea Lespedeza
Hoary cress, (Whitetop)	Silverleaf nightshade
Horsenettle	Skeletonleaf bursage
Houndstongue	Spotted knapweed
Johnsongrass	Squarrose knapweed
Jointed goatgrass	St. Johnswort
Leafy spurge	Sulfur cinquefoil
Matgrass	Syrian beancape
Meadow knapweed	Tansy ragwort
Medusahead	Toothed spurge
Milium	Wild oats
Musk thistle	Wild proso millet
Orange hawkweed	Yellow hawkweed
Oxeye daisy	Yellow starthistle
Perennial pepperweed	Yellow toadflax

Gravel Pit / Materials Site Inspection & Certification

Under Alaska's Weed-Free Gravel certification program, material sites are inspected to verify that they do not contain noxious or undesirable invasive plants. A site must be inspected twice per growing season to be certified 'Weed-Free'. Remote material sites that meet certain criteria may qualify for less frequent inspections.



If you would like to source Certified Weed-Free Gravel or schedule an inspection of a materials site, please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Certified Weed-Free Gravel Program



Alaskan gravel pits and material sites are an opportune place for noxious weeds to become established.



About the Program

The Weed-Free Gravel Certification Program is a voluntary inspection program administered by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture. The program aims to increase the availability of weed-free gravel products to land managers working in sensitive areas. Certification offers site owners a value-added product to sell and provides users of fill materials an opportunity to limit the spread of noxious or undesirable weeds within Alaska's landscape.



Gravel and material sites can be transmission vectors for noxious or invasive seed and plant material.



Find out more online:

[plants.alaska.gov/invasives/
weed-free-gravel.php](https://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/weed-free-gravel.php)



For more information about Alaska's Weed-Free Gravel Certification Program, or to become a Certified Weed-Free inspector, please contact:

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Help control the spread of invasive species in Alaska: Specify 'Weed-Free' gravel for projects in sensitive areas.

Invasive (non-native) plant species can negatively affect natural resources and human health. If these plants become established in wildlands, they have potential to negatively impact natural resources, wildlife and recreation. Please help keep these harmful plants from spreading to Alaska's natural areas, rivers and wetlands.

Land and project managers concerned with the spread of highly invasive weeds can help, by specifying only **Weed-Free** gravel and fill for construction projects in pristine habitats.



Sweetclover infestation at a remote Alaskan material site

Certification also gives producers a way to assure that their products have reduced potential for transport and dispersal of listed weed species, and can be used in the most sensitive areas.



Noxious weeds can colonize barren soils at gravel pits

Inspector Training and Certification

Inspector training sessions are held each spring and are offered to new and recertifying inspectors. Gravel inspectors are trained alongside Weed-Free Forage & Straw inspectors. Training is hosted by the Division of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service.

An inspector certification is valid for 5 years, although annual participation is encouraged to keep up with the program and to refresh your plant identification skills.



Annual inspector training is offered each spring