

I. Cost Share Program for Montrose County West End

Montrose County Weed Cost Share Program

Landowners that participate in this program are seeking ways to rid their properties of non-native noxious weeds as defined by the Colorado Noxious Weed Act. These land stewards are concerned about improving the health and function of their lands while helping to fight the spread of problem weeds to the surrounding landscape.

What you must know:

- Your target weed(s). What is it that you want to get rid of?
- Type of non-target vegetation present. Don't kill desirable vegetation.
- Your particular site. Are there crops or water present, etc?
- Correct herbicide to use. It is important to select an effective product for your specific needs.
- Correct rate and amount of herbicide to apply.
- Type of surfactant/adjuvant needed. These are additives that improve the effectiveness of the herbicide.
- Correct timing for treatment. The correct season and/or bloom stage of the target weed is critical for success.
- Use protective clothing and never spray on windy days.
- Decide who will treat the weeds, you or a commercial applicator:
 1. If you hire a commercial applicator, have the applicator treat your property and pay the applicator directly. **The cost-share applicant is solely responsible for payment to the commercial applicator.** Both landowner and commercial applicator need to sign the liability release form.
 2. If you intend to treat the weeds yourself and would like assistance in identification and researching effective treatment methods for your target weed species, visit the Colorado Weed Management Association (CWMA) web site at: www.cwma.org or call our office at: 249-5216.
- If you intend to treat the weeds yourself and use herbicides:
 1. Purchase the smallest amount of herbicide available for your needs.
 2. Treat the weeds on your property.
 3. Follow the enclosed checklist and send the **completed** Weed Management Plan form with your receipts, together with the liability release, to the Montrose County Weed Department before Dec.31.
 4. Cost Share funds will be paid by check and mailed to participants by the Montrose County Finance Department.

Montrose County Cost Share Program Checklist

The following materials must be given to the Montrose County Weed Department for reimbursement.

1. Completed Weed Management Plan. (See attached) Landowner must fill in all spaces on the Plan. Remember to state target weed species present, type of herbicide used, amount used, etc.
2. A signed copy of the Montrose County Cost Share Program Release Form.
3. Receipts from a commercial applicator, the purchase of herbicides and surfactants, or the purchase or rental of materials for alternative weed treatment methods.

Cost Share Program Terms

1. The Cost Share Program is available only to landowners owning or operating land in the 'West End' of Montrose County. The 'West End' runs from the Divide Road on the Uncompahgre Plateau, west to the Utah border. The program area is limited due to funding made possible by the 2005 Uravan Mill Natural Resources Damage Fund Grant.
2. The maximum Cost Share reimbursement is **\$500.00** per applicant.
3. Cost Share Funds are paid as follows:
 - 100% of total cost incurred by a commercial applicator treating Priority noxious weeds species (up to \$500), or 100% of chemical cost (up to \$500) incurred by a private landowner treating Priority noxious weed species (see attached list).
 - 50% of total cost incurred by a commercial applicator (up to \$500) or 50% of chemical cost (up to \$500) incurred by a private landowner treating General Noxious Weed Species (see attached list).
 - The program will also reimburse 50% of material costs for the following alternative types of treatment:
 - Biocontrol: The use of organisms (bugs) to control noxious weeds. All methods must be CSU Weed Science and Montrose County approved practices.
 - Cultural: The use of mulching, rotational grazing, etc... and follow-up reseeding with desirable perennial vegetation in the treatment areas.
 - Mechanical: The use of cutting, mowing, disking, etc.
4. Landowners may reapply for the program 2 times/year if additional funds are available.
5. By participating in the program, landowners agree to allow Montrose County weed department personnel to inspect treated property sites, at an arranged time, for monitoring and mapping purposes.
6. Incomplete packages cannot be processed and will be returned.
7. The Cost Share Program operates on a first come, first serve basis.
8. Limited funding dollars will be used in the best manner. Therefore, ineffective materials, incorrect rates, less than optimum treatment timing, and off-label applications will not be cost shared.
9. This program is available to all without discrimination. No endorsement of products is intended nor is criticism implied of products not mentioned.
10. The Montrose County Weed Department reserves the right to work with landowners on a case-by-case basis.
11. The Montrose County Weed Coordinator can terminate a cost share agreement at any time.

Cause for disqualification from the program:

1. Attempting to defraud the program in any manner.
2. Applying herbicides off label (over or under labeled rates).
3. Treating lands outside the program's defined West-End area.

Montrose County West End Weed Cost Share Program
321 6530 Rd. Montrose, CO 81401
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Montrose County Cost Share Program Weed Lists

100% Cost Share: Montrose County Priority Noxious Weed Species List

Yellow starthistle
Purple loosestrife
Leafy spurge
Yellow toadflax

(New invading species may qualify for cost share once discovered.)

50% Cost Share: Montrose County General Noxious Weed Species List

Spotted knapweed
Russian knapweed
Diffuse knapweed
Dalmatian toadflax
Tamarisk
Russian olive
Whitetop
Oxeye daisy
Houndstongue
Canada thistle
Bull thistle
Musk thistle
Sulfur cinquefoil
Absinth wormwood

For more information on the identification of these weed species and for information on methods of control please contact one of the following resources:

1. Montrose County website: www.co.montrose.co.us and follow link to the Weed Department.
2. Montrose County Weed Department Office, 321 6530 Rd., Montrose, CO 81401. 249-5216. Questions may be answered over the phone or a packet can be mailed to interested landowners.
3. Colorado Weed Management Association (CWMA) website: www.cwma.org

RELEASE FOR MONTROSE COUNTY COST SHARE PROGRAM

ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO EITHER APPLY PESTICIDES OR OWN LAND UPON WHICH PESTICIDES ARE APPLIED UNDER THIS PROGRAM MUST SIGN THIS RELEASE.

1. The undersigned releases the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Montrose, Colorado State University – Tri-County Extension Department, Montrose County Weed Board, and all members thereof, either in their personal or official capabilities from any liability whatsoever, resulting from injury to the undersigned, or any of the undersigned's property, either real or personal, resulting from the undersigned's participation in the Weed Control Program.
2. The undersigned is a volunteer who undertakes any activity at his/her own risk, assuming any responsibility for any loss or injury whatsoever suffered or incurred by the undersigned volunteer.
3. The undersigned volunteer is over 18 years of age and is aware that pesticides are a controlled and dangerous substance. Further, application of pesticides under any circumstances is a hazardous activity, even if performed by knowledgeable and certified applicators. The undersigned, aware of these factors, completely assumes the full risk and liability which could result from his/her participation in the Weed Control Program, either as a volunteer applicator or as a landowner.
4. The volunteer acknowledges that there may be hazards or conditions not immediately apparent to the volunteer, or known by the program sponsors, which could present a hazard to the volunteer or any affected landowner.
5. The volunteer releases all of the parties specifically named in paragraph #1 above from any liability or loss or injury suffered by the volunteer resulting from all hazards or conditions, whether the hazards are apparent upon inspection or not apparent upon inspection. Further, volunteer agrees to fully defend and indemnify the parties specifically named in paragraph #1 above from any claim or lawsuit from any third parties resulting from the volunteer's participation in the Weed Control Program.
6. Volunteer hereby certifies that he/she will strictly adhere to label restrictions of chemical(s) used. Volunteer landowner or applicator certifies that if restricted pesticides are used, they will be applied by a licensed, certified applicator.

Landowner's Signature

Applicator's Signature

Landowner's Printed Name

Applicator's Printed Name

Landowner's Mailing Address

Applicator's Mailing Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Date

Date

License #

Exp.