



Talk To Us: We Need Your Help And Want Your Input.

Pend Oreille County is a big area. We are a small county department with a very big job that's important to you and your land.

Thanks in advance for all that you do to help us identify and manage noxious weeds and non-native invasive species. Together, we'll maintain and protect the Pend Oreille County natural and human ecosystem as the very special place that it is.

Why We Manage Invasive and Noxious Weed Species

It's the law: RCW 17.10

The state of Washington established its first weed law in 1881 – before we were even a state. The weed board law was enacted in 1969. Today, 38 out of 39 counties have active local Weed Boards charged with controlling and monitoring noxious weeds.

County Weed Boards may be authorized to come onto properties and control noxious weeds, billing the landowner; however, we prefer to work cooperatively with landowners and managers to attain cost-effective weed management.

Noxious weeds harm:

Real estate and farm values
Scenic beauty and tourism
Quality of natural resources
Economic activity overall
Livestock and wildlife

2020 - Top Weed

The 2020 list of Category I weeds features 42 species that landowners are responsible for controlling. You can access the complete 2020 list on our web site. The following species is the the most critical to be aware of and will be emphasized through-out the year.

Flowering Rush

We are currently being invaded by this tenacious weed coming to us from Montana. It has worked its way through Idaho and is now filling the Pend Oreille River. If you thought milfoil was bad, this weed is far more damaging to our river resource and with the constant reinvasion from upriver, cannot be eradicated. It can be controlled and so it will be critical for everyone to help stop additional spread by identifying it rapidly for immediate containment and removal measures.



Programs & Services To Help Your Weed Management Battle

Mandatory Control Cost Share

You are not required to participate in this cost-share, but if you wish us to control the indicated weed to state standards there are funds available to offset your costs. We cost share at 50% of total service, \$25 minimum, when you agree to have us do the work on your behalf.

Neighborhood Cost Share

Neighbors join together to effectively manage their weeds. Limited funding is available by application only starting in April on a first-come, first-serve basis. \$500 cap per group on a 50% cost share basis.

Biological Control Program

Select infestations may be eligible for control by natural predatory insects. This State and grant supported program is free to landowners.

Equipment Rental

We offer 4-gallon backpack sprayers and a 100 gallon slip-in (pickup) power sprayer. We will train you on equipment usage and do follow-up inspections to assist you in a successful weed management effort.

Technical Support

We will identify weeds, provide free inspections and pictorial information to assist you in weed identification. We provide free technical assistance on herbicide applications as well, to assist anyone in the pursuit of managing their weed infestations.

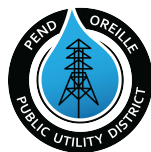
A Cooperative Board

We work with you and our cooperative partners to protect and enhance the Pend Oreille ecosystem for everyone's use, enjoyment and economic benefit.

General Goals

- Develop control programs for state designated Class A and B weeds
- Reduce the impacts of class B and C weeds to below the threshold of injury
- Provide weed prevention education and assistance to all citizens, businesses and agencies
- Use Integrated Weed Management principles to mitigate aquatic and terrestrial infestation impacts

Our Strategic Partners



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Peter Goldmark - Commissioner of Public Lands



Pend Oreille County

Kalispel Tribal Extension

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*“Cooperative Control and
Management of Noxious Weeds
and Invasive Species”*

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