

Montezuma County Noxious Weed Program

2023 No Spray Agreement Form

The primary roadside vegetation management objectives are in relation to traffic safety and preservation of the highway infrastructure. Additionally, Montezuma County is required to control all listed noxious weeds that occur on the right-of-way by state law (RCW 17.10 and 15.15.010). It is important the Montezuma County not only meet the legal requirements for weed control, but also consider the needs and concerns of adjacent landowners.

I/We, the undersigned, hereby request that Montezuma County refrain from the application of herbicides by the lands noted, **which I/We own**.

I/We hereby:

- Acknowledge and accept my/our duty to maintain that portion of the municipal roadway that lies between the boundary of my/our property and the centerline of the roadway, ensuring that it remains free of all Colorado Noxious weeds on list A and list B, and brush and/or tall vegetation which may interfere with motorist sightlines. I/we acknowledge my/our duty to ensure that at all times:
 - a. Noxious weeds on list B are prevented from flowering
 - a. Thistle rosettes should be removed.
 - b. Plants should be prevented from getting to the bud stage.
 - b. Prohibited noxious weeds on list A are completely destroyed (all parts of the plant)
 - c. Keep ALL vegetation mowed at a height of 6" or below within entire right of way. If slopes are steeper than 45 degrees mowing is not required.
- If inspector finds noxious weeds are not being managed, as stated in this agreement, the noxious weed department will send out one notification about the presence of noxious weeds not being managed along the county roadside.
 - If inspector finds noxious weeds are still not being managed along the county roadside, after the notification was sent out, the agreement will be voided, signs will be taken down, and the county will resume management along that stretch.
- I/We understand and agree that only the **registered landowner** may apply for No Spray Agreement on their property. If I/we lease/rent land, we hereby agree that it is our yearly responsibility to obtain the landowners permission and signature to participate in this program.
- I/We understand and agree that municipality right of ways **shall in no way substitute for buffer zones** for sensitive areas or vegetation designated for Organic Production.
- I/We understand and acknowledge that the No Spray Agreement is valid in the year it is signed, expiring December 1st of each year. All registrants must renew No Spray Agreements annually. An agreement form will be sent out to those who participated it in the previous year, around March, to remind the property owners that the new year's agreement form must be filled out and sent in to the Noxious Weed Department.
- Agree not to disturb the soil found in any part of the road right of way.
- I/We understand that the County will supply NO SPRAY signs for each exempted area. Signs will be posted each spring or when the agreement is approved by the program director, and will be recovered in the fall of each year. NO SPRAY signs remain the property of Montezuma County and must be returned in the event I/we are no longer a participant in the program.
- I/We Understand and acknowledge that home-made No Spray signs will not be considered valid.
- I/We understand that no alterations to this form will be accepted.
- I/We understand there will be bareground treatments two to four feet off the edges of all county roads, regardless of no spray agreements. These bareground treatments are required by the Montezuma County Road Department in order to protect the structure of road. Montezuma County Noxious Weed Department will be very mindful and considerate in no spray areas adjacent to gardens. Treatments will only be done as needed and no more than once a year if it is needed.

IF YOU RENT/LEASE THE LAND YOU ARE FARMING:

- I have attached the forms signed by the landowner for any **leased/rented** land that I operate.

Montezuma County Weed Program
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If less than the entire roadside along your lands, please specify which areas are to be designated as no spray:

Diagram of Location



NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

MAILING ADDRESS (Including City) _____

No Spray Property Address (Including City) _____

I/We hereby agree to be bound by the preceding agreement to cover the lands designated in this agreement that are owned by me/us:

Landowner Signature _____ Date _____

****Please ensure you have completed ALL portions of this form.** Failure to do so will result in this form being returned to you for completion.

****If your signs disappear** it is your responsibility to call us and let us know. We have the no spray properties mapped in our tablets, however sometimes they malfunction, so if there are no signs the sprayer might spray it.