



Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed Control District Chemical and Insect Control Agent Cost Share Program



In the interest of assisting landowners, subdivisions, and other entities with the cost of purchasing herbicides and insects to control noxious weeds, the Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed District is offering a Cost Share Program in which **(50%)** of the chemical and insect costs will be reimbursed annually (Landowners with 24 acres and below may be reimbursed up to **\$250.00**, landowners with at least 25.00 acres or more may be reimbursed up to **\$500.00**) by the Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed Control District, as long as there is funding in the budget.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The Cost Share Program applies only to **noxious weeds**.
2. There is an annual maximum payment of **\$250.00 per landowner owning 24.99 acres or less; and \$500 per landowner owning 25 acres or more**.
3. **An approved Five-Year Management Plan (WMP) must be on file with the Noxious Weed Control District and be approved BEFORE any treatment and/or releases are made.** No applications will be accepted or claim sheets processed if herbicide treatment and/or insect releases have been made before a WMP has been approved by the Noxious Weed Control District.
4. **This Cost Share Program only covers the cost of herbicides and insect biocontrol agents.** It does not cover the cost of herbicide additives such as surfactants or dyes, equipment rentals, contracted application costs, mowing or the use of soil sterilants or non-selective herbicides such as Roundup (Glyphosate).
5. You must be a landowner in Lewis and Clark County to be able to apply for this Cost Share Program as well as use the Cost Share funds within the County.
6. The funding will be on a first come, first serve basis, determined by the date on the submitted claim. Level of funding will vary year-to-year depending on the annual budget.

Processing Procedures

1. Complete a Five-Year Weed Management Plan (WMP) for the property in which you want to use the Cost Share Program.
2. Your WMP will be reviewed by the Noxious Weed Control District Coordinator/Representative. Approval of your WMP is required prior to herbicide treatments or insect releases. The Noxious Weed Control District will notify you if your plan is approved. *NOTE:* In questionable areas or situations, an inspection of the site by the Noxious Weed Control District Representative may be required before the plan may be approved.
3. When your plan is approved, conduct the herbicide treatment or insect release. In the case of herbicide applications, spray your weeds using the proper equipment and safety measures. **Carefully read and follow the herbicide label, the label is the law.** Remember to use proper spraying practices to ensure safety to you and the environment. If using insects control agents, release in the manner described by the supplier. *NOTE:* If misapplication of a chemical or improper release of insects control agents are noted, payment of the Cost Share claim will be denied. If the chemical misapplication is deemed to be harmful to the environment or surrounding area, the proper regulatory agency will be notified.
4. After conducting the herbicide treatment and/or insect control agents, submit a completed Cost Share claim sheet. Include the original or copied receipt(s) for the herbicides and/or insect control agents purchased to control the noxious weeds. The Weed District operates on a fiscal year basis from July 1st to June 30th. If the chemicals or insects were purchased at the start of the field season (i.e. March, April, May, June) the claim sheets with receipt(s) must be submitted to the Weed District on or before June 30th or the claim sheet cannot be processed.

Please contact our office with any further questions:
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**Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed Control District
Noxious Weed Cost Share Participant**



Claim Form

All participants must have an approved *Five-Year Management Plan* on file with Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed Control District; fill out the following information in its entirety and return to Lewis and Clark County Noxious Weed Control District with purchase receipts (originals or copies) to fulfill the reporting requirements.

Permit Number: _____

Landowner Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(if different from above)

City, State Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Legal Description: _____
Example: Geocode or Section, Township, Range

Total Acres: _____ **Estimated Total Acres Managed:** _____

Noxious weed(s) targeted: _____

Insects Used: _____

Vendor: _____ **Cost:** _____

Herbicides Used: _____

Vendor: _____ **Cost:** _____

Private Applicator License # _____ (*required for restricted chemicals e.g. Tordon 22K)

Landowner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

★ **Mail or E-mail this completed Claim form and receipt(s) to:**

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<i>Internal Use Only</i>
<input type="radio"/> Current Approved Five-Year Plan <input type="radio"/> Cost Share Claim Form <input type="radio"/> Cost Share Receipt(s)
Date Received: _____
Date Approved: _____
Approval Signature: _____
Reimbursement Amount: \$ _____