

## 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 \*

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

\* find the most current version of this list at:  
[plants.alaska.gov/invasives/weed-free/](http://plants.alaska.gov/invasives/weed-free/)

## NAWMA Invasive Weed List

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

## 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.



Photo: Division of Agriculture

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.

### DISTRICTS:

**Anchorage**  
 (907) 677-7645 (SOIL)  
[aswcd.org](http://aswcd.org)

**Fairbanks**  
 (907) 479-1213  
[fairbankssoilwater.org](http://fairbankssoilwater.org)

**Homer**  
 (907) 235-8177 x106  
[homerswcd.org](http://homerswcd.org)

**Kenai**  
 (907) 283-8732 x108  
[kenaisoilandwater.org](http://kenaisoilandwater.org)

**Kenny Lake**  
 (907) 359-4455

**Kodiak**  
 (907) 486-5574  
[kodiaksoilandwater.org](http://kodiaksoilandwater.org)



**Mid Yukon-Kuskokwim**  
 (907) 676 - 0336  
[midyukonkuskokwimswcd.com](http://midyukonkuskokwimswcd.com)

**Palmer**  
 (907) 745-1441  
[palmersoilandwater.org](http://palmersoilandwater.org)

**Salcha-Delta**  
 (907) 895-6279  
[www.salchadeltaswcd.org](http://www.salchadeltaswcd.org)

**Upper Susitna**  
 (907) 733-7923  
[www.usswcd.org](http://www.usswcd.org)

**Wasilla**  
 (907) 357-4563 x103  
[www.wasillaswcd.org](http://www.wasillaswcd.org)



## Certified Weed-Free Gravel Program



Photo: Division of Agriculture

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.



Photo: Division of Agriculture

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.

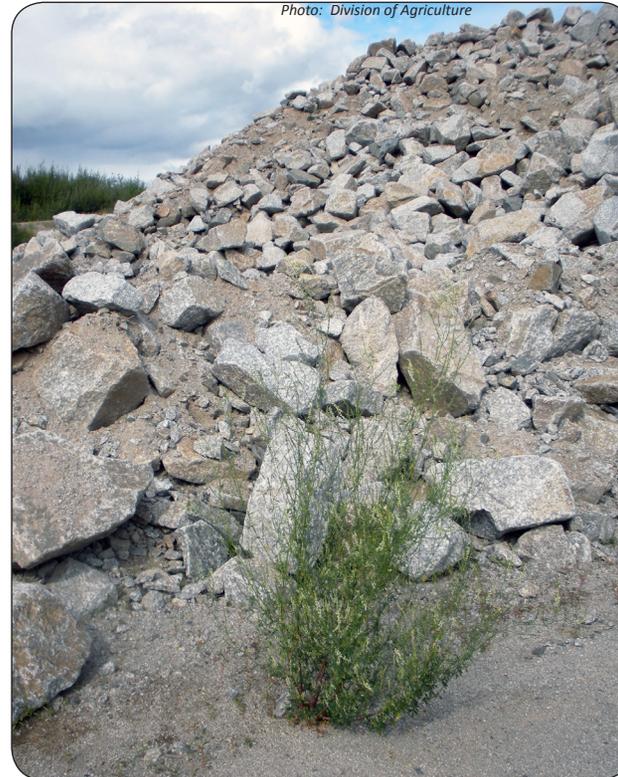


Photo: Division of Agriculture

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.



Photo: Division of Agriculture

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.



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