# Illinois Noxious Weed Law

Randolph County, Illinois

## What is the Illinois Noxious Weed Law?

The Illinois Noxious Weed Law (505 ILCS 100/) requires landowners to control the spread of designated noxious weeds. These invasive plants threaten agriculture, natural ecosystems, and property values.

## Who is responsible?

All landowners, including private citizens, municipalities, and government agencies, are required to control and eradicate noxious weeds on their property.

## Key Provisions:

- Landowners must destroy noxious weeds annually before they go to seed.

- Failure to comply can lead to enforcement actions, including the county performing the work and billing the landowner.

## Common Noxious Weeds in Illinois:

- Canada Thistle

- Musk Thistle

- Perennial Sowthistle

- Johnson Grass

## Why it matters to Randolph County:

Unchecked noxious weeds can damage farmland, increase fire risk, and degrade native plant habitats. Local compliance protects our agricultural economy and natural landscapes.

## Take Action:

- Inspect your land regularly.

- Learn to identify noxious weeds.

- Work with local agriculture offices for management strategies.

Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined *not more than five hundred dollars ($500.00*) for each offense

For more information, contact the Randolph County Agriculture Office or visit the Illinois Department of Agriculture website.