

# If you *GROW* them, we will come!

## COUNTY WEED INSPECTORS OUT IN FULL FORCE

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**T**he grass is green and growing and that means weeds are too. Each year, Rocky View County hires seasonal weed inspectors whose job is to inspect both private and public property to prevent the spread of invasive, non-native weed species and to enforce the *Weed Control Act of Alberta*.

Some of the many plants that are of concern in Rocky View County are Yellow Toadflax, Canada Thistle, Ox-Eye Daisy, Scentless Chamomile, and Wild Caraway. When these invasive plants become established, they have the ability to displace native plants, deplete wildlife habitat, reduce the productivity of land, and diminish the natural beauty of Rocky View. It is the landowner's responsibility to control the spread of these species.

Rocky View County's Agricultural Services department encourages residents to report any weed infestations on municipal or private property. Should you find an

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unknown weed present on your property, County weed inspectors are available to conduct an on-site inspection to identify the species, and together with you, discuss the control options available. This service is aimed at preventing or controlling invasive, non-native weed species at the earliest opportunity.

Another service available to Rocky View residents is a 24-hour "Report-A-Weed" hotline. This hotline is completely confidential and is intended to make reporting weed infestations more convenient and efficient. Residents who would like to report a weed infestation can call 403-520-1272 to leave a clear message about the weed infestation and its location.

For more information about noxious weeds in Rocky View County, including effective control measures, please contact the Agriculture Services department at 403-230-1401 or visit [www.rockyview.ca](http://www.rockyview.ca).