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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
REGARDING NOXIOUS WEEDS

The main purpose of the *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990*, is to reduce the impact of noxious weeds on the industries of agriculture and horticulture. Primarily this Act applies to agricultural and horticultural lands that generate income or other benefits to agriculture; this excludes lawns, gardens and private areas for personal enjoyment and leisure.

Under the *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990*, Chapter W.5 Section 3, 16 and 23, you are requested to destroy all noxious weeds on your property. The *Weed Control Act* can be viewed at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca

Section 3, 13, 16 and 18 do not apply to noxious weeds or weed seeds that are far enough away from any land used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, as they do not interfere with that use.

All properties within the United Counties of Prescott and Russell are hereby requested to be in compliance with the *Weed Control Act* by the 30th day of June, 2008 and throughout the growing season. The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Noxious weeds may be destroyed by the following methods:

- a) Pulling or otherwise removing the plants from the soil;
- b) Cutting the roots or stalks of the plants before the seeds has developed sufficiently to open after cutting;
- c) Cultivating the soil in which the plants are growing;
- d) Treating with a herbicide that causes the plants to be destroyed or prevents the growth of the plants or ripening of their seeds.

The United Counties of Prescott and Russell strongly encourage the methods of (a), (b), or (c) to control noxious weeds.

In Ontario, 23 weeds are considered noxious under the *Weed Control Act*.
The designated noxious weeds are:

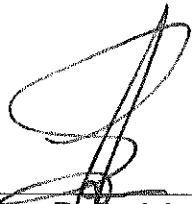
1. Bull Thistle
2. Canada Thistle
3. Colts-Foot

4. Common Barberry
5. Cypress Spurge
6. Dodder
7. European Buckthorn
8. Goat's Beard
9. Johnson Grass
10. Leafy Spurge
11. Milkweed
12. Nodding Thistle
13. Poison Hemlock
14. Poison Ivy
15. Proso Millet
16. Ragweed
17. Russian Knapweed
18. Russian Thistle
19. Scotch Thistle
20. Sow Thistle, perennial, annual
21. Tuberous Vetchling
22. Wild Carrot
23. Yellow Rocket

Please note that dandelions are not considered noxious weeds.

Enforcement of the *Weed Control Act* will be carried out by:

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