

# Myrtle Spurge

# Additional Resources



### Description:

- Active early spring
- 4-12 inches tall
- Grayish-green leaves, produces small yellow flowers in spring
- Exudes toxic milky sap that can irritate skin and eyes
- Aggressive weed that proliferates easily

### Best Management Practice:

#### 1 Plant Removal

Remove the plant by pulling or digging out both the plant and at least 4 inches of the root, then bag and throw in garbage. Take precautions to protect skin and eyes from this plant's white sap that can cause severe skin irritation.

### Code Compliance Officer Walkthrough

Call 303.325.8000

Call a Code Compliance Officer and request a walkthrough. The Officer can help identify any noxious weeds and suggest practices for management.

### CSU Extension Native Plant Master Program

Visit [conativeplantmaster.org](http://conativeplantmaster.org)

The CSU Extension Native Plant Master Program offers a variety of weed management, gardening, and botany classes available for registration.

### Colorado Department of Agriculture

Visit [colorado.gov/ag/weeds](http://colorado.gov/ag/weeds)

The Colorado Department of Agriculture offers resources for weed identification as well as useful information for creating a weed management plan.

**City of Centennial  
Code Compliance**  
303.325.8000  
Eagle Street Facility  
7272 S. Eagle Street  
Centennial, CO 80112  
[centennialco.gov](http://centennialco.gov)



## Recognizing Noxious Weeds

Improving Centennial's Quality of Life

• Encouraging Voluntary Compliance

• Fostering Neighborhood Spirit



## Canada Thistle



### Description:

- Active late April-August
- 1 to 4 feet tall
- Flowers pink to purple, 1/2 - 3/4 inch wide
- Roots are extensive, fleshy, creeping, forms colonies
- Agressive weed

### Best Management Practice:

#### 1 Systemic Herbicide

Spray with a systemic herbicide (an herbicide that is absorbed through the leaves or stems into the entire system of the plant) and allow 2-3 weeks for the chemical to reach the roots, then cut, bag and throw in garbage.

## Scotch Thistle



### Description:

- Active late spring-August
- 18 inches to 10 feet tall
- Large flowers, 1-2 inches wide, glob-shaped, violet to reddish with spiny needle-like leaves
- Stems upright, with broad spiny wings
- Leaves bluish or grayish-green

### Best Management Practices:

#### 1 Plant Removal

Remove the plant by pulling out both the plant and the root or cut the plant at the neck of the root and dispose.

#### 2 Contact Herbicide

Spray with a contact herbicide (an herbicide that kills the parts of the plant it contacts), then remove and dispose of the plant once it has died.

## Knapweeds



### Description:

- Active mid spring-August
- White flowers
- Spiny leaves that have pronounced tip and fringed edges
- One mature plant can produce 20,000 seeds
- Becomes a tumbleweed in the winter

### Best Management Practice:

#### 1 Systemic Herbicide

Spray with a systemic herbicide (an herbicide that is absorbed through the leaves or stems into the entire system of the plant) and allow 2-3 weeks for the chemical to reach the roots, then cut, bag and throw in garbage.