

Certification Standards

The Division of Agriculture, in partnership with Alaskan stakeholders and agencies, has adopted standards developed by the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA). The Weed-Free Gravel Certification Program uses NAISMA standards, adapted to meet Alaska's unique needs. Species of special concern to Alaska are noted in bold text.



Alaskan Species of Concern

- **White Sweetclover**
- **Narrowleaf hawkweed**
- **Reed canarygrass**
- **Bird vetch**
- **Japanese knotweed**
- **Hawkbit/fall dandelion**
- **Hempnettle**
- **Black bindweed/wild buckwheat**
- **Bohemian knotweed**
- **Giant knotweed**

NAISMA Prohibited Weeds List

(species below CANNOT be present in a certified gravel pit)

Absinth wormwood	Horsenettle	Sericea Lespedeza
Austrian fieldcress	Houndstongue	Spotted knapweed
Black henbane	Johnsongrass	Squarrose knapweed
Buffalobur	Jointed goatgrass	St. Johnswort
Canada thistle	Leafy spurge	Sulfur cinquefoil
Caucasian bluestem	Meadow knapweed	Tall buttercup
Common burdock	Medusahead	Tansy ragwort
Common crupina	Musk thistle	Vipers Bugloss/Blueweed
Common mullein	Orange hawkweed	Wild oats
Common tansy	Oxeye daisy	Wild proso millet
Common teasel	Perennial pepperweed	Yellow bluestem
Cutleaf teasel	Perennial sowthistle	Yellow hawkweed
Dames rocket	Plumeless thistle	Yellow starthistle
Dalmatian toadflax	Poison hemlock	Yellow toadflax
Diffuse knapweed	Puncturevine	
Dyers woad	Purple loosestrife	
Field bindweed	Quackgrass	
Field scabious	Rush skeletonweed	
Hoary Alyssum	Russian knapweed	
Hoary cress, (Whitetop)	Scentless chamomile	
	Scotch thistle	

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.



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:

Fairbanks (907) 479-1213 ext. 4 fairbankssoilwater.org	Kodiak (907) 486-5574 kodiaksoilandwater.org
Homer (907) 235-8177 ext. 5 homerswcd.org	Palmer (907) 357-1440 palmersoilandwater.org
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Certified Weed-Free Gravel Program



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 an inspection program administered by the Alaska DNR, 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 and harmful invasive plants within Alaska's landscape.



Materials sites can be a transmission vector 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:



Invasive Weeds and Agriculture
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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.



Sweetclover infestation at a remote Alaskan materials site

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.

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.



Noxious weeds can colonize barren soils at gravel pits

Inspector Training and Certification

Inspector training sessions are offered online by NAISMA, and an Alaska specific supplemental session is held each spring for new forage and gravel inspectors. Training is hosted by the Division of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Inspector certification is valid for 3 years, although annual training is encouraged to keep plant identification skills fresh.



Annual inspector training is offered each spring