



Noxious Weed Spraying Begins Across City *Weed Mitigation Program Required by Law*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 22, 2020-Following the Memorial holiday weekend, noxious weed spraying will begin in the city's right-of-way and will continue for approximately 30 days, weather permitting.

The City of Steamboat Springs has hired a private contractor to spray for weeds including whitetop plants (*see photo*). The contractor uses a harmless blue dye to mark where the herbicide has been sprayed. The dye typically disappears in a day or two.

Once the herbicide has dried, children and pets may walk through the sprayed area if needed. Dry times depend on weather but typically run an hour to two hours after application. As a precaution, children and pets should stay off sprayed areas for 24 hours.

Depending on the weed, plants usually see some color change within a week and complete browning normally occurs in two to three weeks.

The city is required by state and federal mandates to manage noxious weeds on its lands, like private property owners. Following the state of Colorado management practices, a treatment specific to the targeted weed is applied.

If you have questions or need additional information on the city's noxious weed program, please contact Greg Jaeger at 970.871.8274 or Carrie Nicholas at 970.879.1807.

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