

2009 San Miguel County Weed Control Program Cost Share Application and Instructions

What is the Weed Control Cost Share Program?

The weed control cost share program was established in 2002 and is funded by San Miguel County and managed by the County Weed Control Program. The purpose of this program is to assist private landowners in their efforts to control infestations of state and county listed noxious weeds on land they own or operate.

For the 2009 control year each landowner is eligible to receive cost share at 50% match for the cost of herbicide and/or approved insects- there may be limits depending on availability of funds. **Neighbors with small properties and subdivisions are encouraged to apply as a group.**

Weeds listed below with a * may be eligible for up to 100% of the cost for herbicide or insects. All state of Colorado A list species and locally rare B list species listed below may be eligible for additional assistance because they are currently either not known to exist in the county or are extremely uncommon. Labor, cost of application and equipment are not usually eligible for the cost share. Funding for this program is limited- when that funding is depleted the program is over for the year. Applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis and marked as to date received. Checks will be issued by San Miguel County in the last four months of the year.

The county also manages a loaner equipment program. Backpack and small sprayers are available for landowners use on a first come/first serve basis by contacting the weed control office.

In 2009 a major effort is being made to control Whiteop (also known as hoary cress) on Wright's Mesa. Landowners will receive additional support and financial assistance to control this common invader that is spreading from Wright's Mesa to other parts of the county. This is a bi-county effort with Montrose County. Please contact the weed control program directly for additional information and forms

Please note: When applying herbicides it is important to remember that **the label is the law**- no non-label application will be funded under this program. The person making the application is ultimately responsible for proper use of herbicides. San Miguel County does not accept any liability for inappropriate use of herbicides by landowners or contractors.

The State of Colorado's weed list is divided into three lists- A, B and C. The A list species are either rare or unknown in the state and are a high priority for eradication with no level of allowable infestation. Any infestation of these plants found within the county is eligible for eradication assistance which may include all costs of control. See attached information on the state weed law. The B and C list species are more common in the state but may still be rare, and therefore targeted for eradication, locally.

Who's eligible?

Any private landowner or manager within San Miguel County and having at least one acre of land is eligible for this program. Land must be within the county and must be on the county tax roll. (Exemptions may include irrigation systems and subdivision road systems and open space.)

The landowner must contact the county weed manager for pre-approval- applications are available on the county web site under weed control program. Weeds on the state A, B and C lists are eligible for cost share. The following plants are listed for control within San Miguel County or for control under other funding programs. The more uncommon the weed the more likely it is that additional funds are available for its control.

*** Eligible Noxious Weeds (State A List): (Mandatory for control wherever located)**

African rue (*Peganum harmala*)

Common crupina (*Crupina vulgaris*)

Camelthorn (*Alhagi pseudalhagi*)

Cypress spurge (*Euphorbia cyparissias*)

Dyer's woad (*Isatis tinctoria*)
Giant salvinia (*Salvinia molesta*) (aquatic)
Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) (aquatic)
Meadow knapweed (*Centaurea pratensis*)
Mediterranean sage (*Salvia aethiopis*)
Medusahead (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*)
Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*)

Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)
Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)
Rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*)
Sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*)
Squarrose knapweed (*Centaurea virgata*)
Tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*)
Yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*)

Eligible Noxious Weeds (State B List) (Mandatory for control in some locations)

* Not known or rare in San Miguel County eligible for additional assistance

“BOLD” Eligible for additional funding in some areas

*Absinth wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*)
*Black henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*)
*Bouncingbet (*saponaria officinalis*)
Bull thistle (*cirsium vulgare*)
Canada thistle (*cirsium arvense*)
*Chamomile (*Arthemis arvensis and cotula and Matricaria perforate*)
*Chinese clematis (*Clematis orientalis*)
Common tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
*Teasel- (*Dipsacus fullonum and laciniatus*)
*Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica and genistifolia*)
Dames rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*)
*Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*)
*Eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) (aquatic)
Hoary cress (*Cardaria draba*)
Houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*)
Jointed goatgrass (*aegilops cylindrical*)
*Leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)

*Moth mullein (*Verbascum blattaria*)
Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*)
Oxeye daisy (*Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*)
*Perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*)
*Plumeless thistle (*Carduus acanthoides*)
Quackgrass (*Elytrigia repens*)
Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*)
Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)
Salt Cedar (*Tamarix species*)
*Scotch thistle (*Onopordum acanthium and tauricum*)
*Spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*)
*Spurred anoda (*Anoda cristata*)
Sulfur cinquefoil (*Potentilla recta*)
*Venice mallow (*Hibiscus trionum*)
*Wild Caraway (*Carum carvi*)
*Yellow nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*)
Yellow toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*)

Requirements for payment:

- Original receipt for herbicide and/or insects dated in 2008
- Completed application with map of property and a basic plan
- Final Approval from the County Weed Manager- a site visit may be required either before or after application. In some cases site visit may be during the following calendar year.

Thank You for your interest in this program- please don't hesitate to contact the Weed Control Program for further Assistance and information. You are encouraged to continue your weed control program for at least three years and, as long as funds continue to be available, will be eligible for assistance through this program until your invasive plant problems have been eliminated.