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- Many noxious weeds will go to bloom and seed, even if grown to just one inch.
- If you mow, you are training your noxious weeds to seed out at minimal heights.
- **Knapweed, Kochia, Houndstongue, Hoary Cress Whitetop and Common Tansy** are genetically engineered to propagate and seed at minimal heights that may be as low as one inch.
- A landowner needs to mow periodically throughout the growing season until the first frost to prevent the noxious weeds from going to seed.



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- Mowing or cutting down **Dalmatian Toadflax, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Rush Skeletonweed, Russian Knapweed, St. Johnswort (Goatweed), or Field Bindweed (Morning Glory)** is not recommended since the plant will expand its system of roots. The following season, the noxious weeds will be worse.
- Mowing is an **effective means of control** for **annuals** like **Kochia** and **Russian Thistle** if done periodically throughout the growing season.

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