

2026 Updates

CLASS A

- The addition of **waterhemp**, *Amaranthus tuberculatus*
- The addition of **delta arrowhead**, *Sagittaria platyphylla*
- The addition of **sunflower broomrape**, *Orobanche cumana*

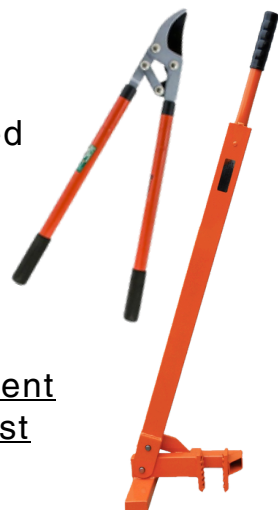
CLASS C

- The addition of **Norway maple**, *Acer platanoides*
- The addition of **English/common holly**, *Ilex aquifolium*
- The addition of **black locust**, *Robinia pseudoacacia*
- The designation for control of **Italian arum**, *Arum italicum*

No changes to Class B noxious weeds in Kitsap County at this time.

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CLASS A

Noxious weeds that are very rare or not yet established in Washington. Because they pose a serious threat to the state, **eradication is required**.



CLASS B

Noxious weeds that are present in Washington but are not widespread in every region of the state. In regions where they are still limited, control is required to stop them from spreading. In regions where they are already common, the local noxious weed board may require control.



CLASS C

Noxious weeds that are widespread in Washington. Class C species may be designated for local control by the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board.



WEEDS OF CONCERN

These species are not currently on the state noxious weed list but are a concern to the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board. Control and containment are encouraged.

Please see [WAC 16-750](#) for definitions and descriptions of each Class.



Resources

We offer a handful of resources and assistance:

- Guidance with weed identification and control
- Informational weed brochures, guides, and fact sheets
- Free disposal of weeds at participating facilities across Kitsap
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KITSAP COUNTY
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

2026 Noxious Weed List



Italian arum, *Italicum arum*
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RCW 17.10.090 requires county noxious weed boards to hold a public hearing and adopt a county weed list within 90 days of the state noxious weed list adoption. The Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board adopted the county's 2026 noxious weed list following a public hearing on February 11, 2026.

2026 KITSAP COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

CLASS A WEEDS Eradication Required

Common Name	Scientific Name	
common crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	⊘
cordgrass, common	<i>Spartina anglica</i>	⊘
cordgrass, dense-flowered	<i>Spartina densiflora</i>	⊘
cordgrass, saltmeadow	<i>Spartina patens</i>	⊘
cordgrass, smooth	<i>Spartina alterniflora</i>	⊘
delta arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria platyphylla</i>	⊘
dyer's woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	⊘
eggleaf spurge	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>	⊘
false brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	⊘
floating primrose-willow	<i>Ludwigia peploides</i>	⊘
flowering rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	⊘
French broom	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	⊘
garlic mustard	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	⊘
giant hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	⊘
goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>	⊘
hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	⊘
Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	⊘
knapweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>	⊘
knapweed, Vochin	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>	⊘
kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana var. lobata</i>	⊘
meadow clary	<i>Salvia pratensis</i>	⊘
oriental clematis	<i>Clematis orientalis</i>	⊘
Palmer amaranth	<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	⊘
purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	⊘
reed sweetgrass	<i>Glyceria maxima</i>	⊘
ricefield bulrush	<i>Schoenoplectus mucronatus</i>	⊘
round leaf bitterweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>	⊘
sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>	⊘
sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>	⊘
silverleaf nightshade	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	⊘
small-flowered jewelweed	<i>Impatiens parviflora</i>	⊘
South American spongeplant	<i>Limnium laevigatum</i>	⊘
Spanish broom	<i>Spartium junceum</i>	⊘
Sunflower broomrape	<i>Orobanche cumana</i>	⊘
Syrian beancaper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	⊘
Texas blueweed	<i>Helianthus ciliaris</i>	⊘
thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	⊘
thistle, marsh	<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	⊘
thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>	⊘
thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>	⊘
thistle, Turkish	<i>Carduus cinereus</i>	⊘
variable-leaf milfoil and hybrid	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i> and <i>M. heterophyllum</i> x <i>M. hippuroides</i>	⊘
waterhemp	<i>Amaranthus tuberculatus</i>	⊘
wild four-o'clock	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>	⊘

KEY

Highlighted = Class A weeds present in Kitsap County in the last 10 years

⊘ = Eradication Required

⚠ = Control Required

CLASS B WEEDS

Control Required for Designates

Common Name	Scientific Name	
blueweed	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	⚠
Brazilian elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i>	
bugloss, annual	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	⚠
bugloss, common	<i>Anchusa officinalis</i>	⚠
butterfly bush	<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	
camelthorn	<i>Alhagi maurorum</i>	⚠
common fennel, (except bulbing fennel)	<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> (except <i>F. vulgare</i> var. <i>azoricum</i>)	⚠
common reed (nonnative genotypes only)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	⚠
Dalmatian toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i> ssp. <i>dalmatica</i>	⚠
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	⚠
European coltsfoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	⚠
fanwort	<i>Cabomba caroliniana</i>	⚠
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	⚠
grass-leaved arrowhead	<i>Sagittaria graminea</i>	⚠
hairy willowherb	<i>Epilobium hirsutum</i>	⚠
hanging sedge	<i>Carex pendula</i> , <i>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>pendula</i> , <i>C. pendula</i> subsp. <i>agastachys</i>	⚠
hawkweed oxtongue	<i>Picris hieracioides</i>	⚠
hawkweed, orange	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	⚠
hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Pilosella</i>	⚠
hawkweeds: All nonnative species and hybrids of the wall subgenus	<i>Hieracium</i> , subgenus <i>Hieracium</i>	⚠
herb-Robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	
hoary alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>	⚠
houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	⚠
indigobush	<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	⚠
knapweed, black	<i>Centaurea nigra</i>	⚠
knapweed, brown	<i>Centaurea jacea</i>	⚠
knapweed, diffuse	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	⚠
knapweed, meadow	<i>Centaurea x moncktonii</i>	⚠
knapweed, Russian	<i>Rhaponticum repens</i>	⚠
knapweed, spotted	<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>	⚠
knotweed, Bohemian	<i>Polygonum x bohemicum</i>	
knotweed, giant	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	⚠
knotweed, Himalayan	<i>Persicaria wallichii</i>	⚠
knotweed, Japanese	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	
kochia	<i>Bassia scoparia</i>	⚠
lesser celandine	<i>Ficaria verna</i>	⚠
loosestrife, garden	<i>Lysimachia vulgaris</i>	⚠
loosestrife, purple	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	
loosestrife, wand	<i>Lythrum virgatum</i>	
Malta starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	⚠
parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	⚠
perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	⚠
poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	⚠
policeman's helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	⚠
puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	⚠
Ravenna grass	<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>	
rough chervil	<i>Chaerophyllum temulum</i>	⚠
rush skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	⚠
saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>	⚠
Scotch broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	
shiny geranium	<i>Geranium lucidum</i>	⚠

spurge flax	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>	
spurge laurel	<i>Daphne laureola</i>	
spurge, leafy	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	⚠
spurge, myrtle	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>	
sulfur cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla recta</i>	⚠
tansy ragwort	<i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>	
tansy, common	<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	⚠
thistle, musk	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	⚠
thistle, plumeless	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	⚠
thistle, Scotch	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	⚠
velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>	⚠
water primrose	<i>Ludwigia hexapetala</i>	⚠
white bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>	⚠
wild basil	<i>Clinopodium vulgare</i>	⚠
wild chervil	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	⚠
yellow archangel	<i>Lamium galeobdolon</i>	
yellow floatingheart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i>	⚠
yellow nutsedge	<i>Cyperus esculentus</i>	⚠
yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	⚠

CLASS C WEEDS

Control Required for Designates

Common Name	Scientific Name	
absinth wormwood	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	
Austrian fieldcress	<i>Rorippa austriaca</i>	
babysbreath	<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	
Beach grasses, European, American, and hybrid	<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> , <i>A. breviligulata</i> , and <i>A. arenaria</i> x <i>A. breviligulata</i>	
black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	
black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	
blackgrass	<i>Alopecurus myosuroides</i>	
buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	
cereal rye	<i>Secale cereale</i>	
common barberry	<i>Berberis vulgaris</i>	
common catsear	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	
common groundsel	<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>	
common St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	
common teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	
curlyleaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	
English hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	
English ivy - four cultivars only	<i>Hedera helix</i> 'Baltica', 'Pittsburgh', and 'Star', and <i>H. hibernica</i> 'Hibernica'	
English holly, common holly (except where commercially grown)	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	
Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> x <i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	
evergreen blackberry	<i>Rubus laciniatus</i>	
field bindweed, morning glory	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	
fragrant waterlily	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	
green alkanet	<i>Pentaglottis sempervirens</i>	
hairy whitetop	<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	
Himalayan blackberry	<i>Rubus bifrons</i> (<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>)	
hoary cress	<i>Lepidium draba</i>	
Italian arum	<i>Arum italicum</i>	⚠
Japanese eelgrass	<i>Nanozostera japonica</i>	
jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	
jubata grass	<i>Cortaderia jubata</i>	
lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>	
longspine sandbur	<i>Cenchrus longispinus</i>	

medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	
nonnative cattail species and hybrids (reminder, does not include the native common cattail, <i>Typha latifolia</i>)	<i>Typha</i> species	
Norway maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>	
old man's beard	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	
oxeye daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	
perennial sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	
reed canarygrass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	
Russian olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	
scentless mayweed	<i>Tripleurospermum inodorum</i>	
smoothseed alfalfa dodder	<i>Cuscuta approximata</i>	
spikeweed	<i>Centromadia pungens</i>	
spiny cocklebur	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	
spotted jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	
Swainsonpea	<i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i>	
thistle, bull	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	
thistle, Canada	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	
tree-of-heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	
ventenata	<i>Ventenata dubia</i>	
white cockle	<i>Silene latifolia</i>	
wild carrot (except where commercially grown)	<i>Daucus carota</i>	
yellow flag iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	
yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	

WEEDS OF CONCERN

These species are not currently on the state noxious weed list but are a concern to the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board. Control and containment are encouraged.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Australian water clover	<i>Marsilea mutica</i>
Bindweed	<i>Calystegia silvatica</i> ssp. <i>disjuncta</i> , <i>C. xilucana</i>
bird cherry	<i>Prunus avium</i>
bittersweet nightshade	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>
Bullate cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster rehderi</i>
cape-pondweed	<i>Aponogeton distachyos</i>
cherry laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
chocolate vine	<i>Akebia quinata</i>
crack willow	<i>Salix x fragilis</i>
creeping buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>
English oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>
European privet	<i>Lingustrum vulgare</i>
Franchet cotoneaster	<i>Cotoneaster franchetii</i>
Fuki	<i>Petasites japonicus</i>
horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>
ice plant	<i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>
periwinkle	<i>Vinca major</i>
Portugal laurel	<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>
Scarlet firethorn	<i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>
Siberian elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>
Spotted ladythumb	<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>
Sweet-scented bedstraw, sweet woodruff	<i>Galium odoratum</i>
Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Thundercloud plum	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>
Vinca	<i>Vinca minor</i>
Wayfaring tree	<i>Viburnum lantana</i>

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