# Noxious Weeds 101

## Tip Weevil



Tip weevil are insects that live around pines, spruce, and firs. Tip weevil has been a problem for some time in Park City and mostly attacks spruce trees in our neighborhood. Tip weevil lay their eggs in early spring. When the eggs hatch, the pests tunnel into and kill branches, usually at the top of the tree. While this does not kill the tree, it deforms the growth at the top and decreases the landscape value of the tree.

Most landscapers can arrange spraying to control this pest. Spraying should be done in the spring before the insects lay their eggs.

The Summit County Weed Division is responsible for identifying and eliminating noxious weeds in the county. We are also responsible for educating the public about how to identify and control noxious weeds on their own property. We have identified and classified 25 weeds as noxious.

Please take some time and read the information provided on the website and contact the Weed Division with any comments, suggestions, or questions that you have.

http://summitcounty.org/155/Weed-Division








## Thistle

Summit County requires landowners to control noxious weeds on their property. One of the most visible noxious weeds in our area is thistle, which grows from two to as much as eight feet tall during the summer and is topped by a purple flower. Thistle can be controlled by spraying if done early enough in the spring: after the rosettes appear on the ground, but before the weed buds. After that, herbicides are no longer effective and controlling thistle is a much more laborious and expensive process requiring digging the plants up at the roots. Most landscapers can arrange spraying to control this noxious weed.