

**Benton County Iowa
Weed Complaint Form**

Send Complaint To:

Benton County Weed Commissioner
1707 West 1st Street
P.O. Box 759
Vinton, IA 52349-0759

Email To: bbonar@co.benton.ia.us

Section A - Contact Information.

Please fill out the following information. All information provided will not be shared with the property owner the complaint is filed on.	Date
Legal Name	Phone Number
Address	Additional Information
City State ZIP Code	
Email Address	

Section B - Complaint Information

First Time Complaint	Repeat Complaint	List Noxious Weeds Present On Property
Property Owner Name		Phone Number For Property Owner (If Known)
Address		Additional Complaint Information
City State ZIP Code		
Have You Spoken With the Landowner About This Complaint?		

The Benton County Weed Commission is tasked with upholding sections of Iowa Code that pertain to the destruction of noxious weeds within the county. The Benton County Board of Supervisors appoints a Weed Commissioner annually to carry out these duties. If noxious weeds are found on your property they are required by law to be destroyed. This responsibility falls to the landowner. If noxious weeds are not destroyed by mowing, burning or spraying a complaint may be filed. If a complaint is filed, you will be served a notice and given 5 days to destroy the noxious weeds. If this is not done, the Benton County Weed Commission is tasked with destroying the weeds. The cost of this destruction is then billed to the landowner. Benton County is required by law to post a list of noxious weeds annually. This is done in the spring and can be found in the local papers.

Iowa Code Sections That Pertain to the Weed Commission and Weed Complaints:

- **Noxious Weeds:** Chapter 317, Section 1A
- **Weed Commissioner - Standards for Noxious Weed Control:** Chapter 317, Section 3
- **Direction and Control:** Chapter 317, Section 4
- **Weed in Abandoned Cemeteries:** Chapter 317, Section 5
- **Entering Land to Destroy Weeds:** Chapter 317, Section 6
- **Report to Board:** Chapter 317, Section 7
- **Duty of Owner or Tenant:** Chapter 317, Section 10
- **Failure to Comply:** Chapter 317, Section 16
- **Cost of Weed Destruction:** Chapter 317, Section 21
- **Duty of Highway Maintenance Personnel:** Chapter 317, Section 22

Thank you for contacting the Benton County Weed Commission. We will address your complaint in a timely manner and update you as actions are taken.

- Ben Bonar - Benton County Weed Commissioner