

## Why don't we accept noxious weed materials at transfer stations?

### What are noxious weeds?

'Noxious weeds' are those plant species listed under the Conservation and Land Protection Act 1994 (CaLP Act)

It is illegal to transport noxious weeds without a permit from Agriculture Victoria. It is also illegal for our transfer stations to accept declared noxious weeds without a permit. Noxious weeds cannot be placed in kerbside bins or food organic garden organic bins. These regulations aim to reduce the spread of serious weeds.

There are many other weeds that pose a threat to the environment and agriculture, but these do not have the same legislative controls as noxious weeds.

### Why control weeds?

Weeds reduce agricultural productivity, compete with native species, increase bushfire hazard, provide harbour for vermin and reduce water quality. They spread readily via seeds, bulbs or other plant parts from properties to farmland, bushland or neighbours' properties.

### Who is responsible?

Under the CaLP Act as a private landowner, you have a legal responsibility to control weeds on your property. You must take reasonable steps to remove regionally prohibited weeds and to prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds on any land owned by you.

### Control and disposal

Control of weeds may include physical, mechanical, chemical control and follow up measures such as mulching or competitive plantings and ongoing patrolling of new outbreaks. Different weed species, season and contexts will require different approaches. Many references are available online to help you locate the appropriate approach.

Disposing of weed material on site should always be the first option considered to avoid seeds, bulbs and other viable plant material being spread during transport or establishing at a disposal site.

The following methods may be considered:

- allowing killed weeds to break-down on-site,
- burning (seek CFA approval),
- composting (long-term or hot composting),
- 'solarisation' (covering ground with plastic layers over hotter months).

### References

Agriculture Victoria – weeds information  
[www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/weeds-information](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/weeds/weeds-information)

Victorian Gorse Taskforce  
[www.vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](http://www.vicgorsetaskforce.com.au)

Victorian Blackberry Taskforce  
[www.vicblackberrytaskforce.com.au](http://www.vicblackberrytaskforce.com.au)

### Acknowledgement of Country

Hepburn Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we live and work. On these lands, Djaara have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

**For transfer station information, including opening hours, visit [www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations](http://www.hepburn.vic.gov.au/transfer-stations)**

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# NOXIOUS WEED GUIDE

***And why they can't be accepted  
at transfer stations.***

**Locally common noxious weeds that you cannot bring to the transfer stations include:**

Common name	Scientific name	Identification
<b>Blackberry</b>	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg	
<b>Briar Rose</b>	<i>Rose rubiginosa</i>	
<b>Cape Broom</b>	<i>Genista monspessulana</i>	
<b>English Broom</b>	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	
<b>Gorse</b>	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	

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<b>Hawthorn</b>	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	
<b>Hemlock</b>	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	
<b>Prickly Pear Cactus</b>	<i>Austrocylin-dropuntia, Cyllindropuntia, Opuntia</i>	
<b>Soursob</b>	<i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i>	

Common name	Scientific name	Identification
<b>Spiny Broom</b>	<i>Calicotome spinosa</i>	
<b>Spiny Rush</b>	<i>Juncus acutus</i>	
<b>Thistle Species</b>	<i>Carthamus, Cynara, Silybum, Cirsium, Carduus, Scolymus, Centaurea</i> spp.	
<b>Willows</b>	<i>Salix</i> spp.	