

PULL YOUR SHARE



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wildlife habitat
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per outing; wear gloves**



How to Start a Pull Your Share Educational Weed Pull (Teacher Version, General Guide 3/26/22)

1. **Contact and coordinate with a land management professional to host your weed pull.** You can contact your county weed district, conservation district, extension office, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks or Forest Service, etc. Choose a date for your weed pull. This will usually be during the last 2 weeks of May.
2. **Working with your host, locate a noxious weed site to adopt.** Adopted sites are usually trailheads, sections of trails, campgrounds and boat launches with bathroom facilities. If needed, a porta-potty can be placed at the site. Make sure you have permission to have a weed pull at the site and ask if you can install a Pull Your Share sign.
3. **Provide an in classroom noxious weed presentation (optional but encouraged).** Have a land management professional come to your classroom and give a presentation discussing the harmful effects of noxious weeds with a concentration on the targeted noxious weed(s) at your chosen weed pull site.

Prepare for field trip:

- Arrange for busing to the site.
- Hand out permission slips.
- Lunches and water can be provided by your school or each student can bring their own.
- Make sure students will have access to a bathroom facility.
- Gather materials: gloves, weed pry tools, buckets, plastic bags, a Pull Your Share sign with the correct noxious weed shown on the sign, fasteners, sign installation tools and extra toilet paper.
(Your site host may be able to provide the gloves, and weed pry tools etc. or call or email Dan Wilkins, contact information below.)

5. Day of the Educational Weed Pull:

Students travel to their adopted noxious weed site.

Upon arriving at the site, the host talks about his or her job title, duties, and the path they took to obtain their position (career exploration).

The host talks about the characteristics of the targeted noxious weed(s) and describes how to identify it and properly pull it while doing minimal damage to desired plants.

Students led by their host and teacher(s) pull noxious weeds for about 1-2 hours. If there are no seed heads on the plants, the weeds can be left where they are pulled.

Students guided by adults install a Pull Your Share sign at their adopted site to encourage all recreationalists to pull their share.

Lunch - Host thanks the students and talks about the importance of community service and contributing to our common good.

Students return back to school before the end of the school day.

If you have any questions or to obtain Pull Your Share signs and posters etc. or to borrow gloves and weed pry tools, please contact Dan Wilkins, Pull Your Share Adviser for Great Falls Public Schools at [406-750-4116](tel:406-750-4116) or email at danwilkinspys@gmail.com

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