

Sec. 11-8. - Managed natural landscapes and noxious growth.

- (a) No person may cause, suffer or permit on premises under his control any growth of weeds, grasses, or other plants or bushes that becomes or threatens to become a fire hazard or a harboring place for wildlife which poses a danger to the public health or safety.
- (b) Noxious growth that is at least eight inches in height and remains so far for a period of more than 21 days shall constitute a public nuisance and will be abated according to section 11-58.
- (c) Notwithstanding the forgoing, the town recognizes the benefits to the environment of managed natural landscapes. Managed natural landscape areas may be in the form of meadows or more deliberate planted areas. The managed natural landscape areas will not be considered noxious growth or subject to subsections (a) and (b) above provided:
 - (1) The provisions requiring regular maintenance of the area between the curb or edge of pavement and the property lines in section 7-7 of this Code must still be met.
 - (2) Managed natural landscapes must maintain a ten-foot maintained setback from any adjoining property lines. Within the ten-foot setback, the property owner must prevent noxious growth as defined in subsections (a) and (b) above.
 - (3) Meadow areas of managed natural landscapes shall be mowed to a height of eight inches or less at least once per calendar year at the end of the growing season (after October 31 but before February 1).
 - (4) Managed landscape areas that are deliberate planted beds or areas need not be mowed.
 - (5) Town staff may determine that a managed natural landscape is not properly maintained according to recommended practices or these provisions and may apply above provision (b) if the area becomes a nuisance.

(Prior Code, § 11-8; Ord. of 9-14-1998; Ord. No. 20191014-6.E, §§ 3—5, 10-14-2019)

Editor's note— Ord. No. 20191014-6.E, § 3, adopted October 14, 2019, renamed section 11-8 from noxious growth to managed natural landscapes and noxious growth.