

SCENTLESS CHAMOMILE

Vermilion is experiencing an influx of this extremely noxious weed.

A single plant has the potential to spread nearly 400,000 seeds. This weed is commonly confused with oxeye daisy. In the flower stage, scentless chamomile has a bushy like appearance along the stem as opposed to Oxeye daisy. In drought like conditions this plant will flourish. Seeds of Scentless Chamomile have the ability to remain dormant for seven to 15 years. The seeds will germinate during cold and wet weather. Flood conditions accelerate the germination process. When landscape work is being done, there is the potential of uncovering dormant seeds.

The Town of Vermilion strives to maintain an aesthetically appealing place to live, work and visit for years to come. In order to do this, there must be bylaws to regulate the condition of properties within town limits.

Section 2(b) of bylaw 7-87 states: **“No person being the owner of any land or premises within the town shall permit the land to become infested with dandelions, noxious weeds, or plants.”**

If found, scentless chamomile should immediately be removed from your property. Removal should include hand picking, fully removing the root fragments, and placing the weeds in doubled garbage bags. Upon doing so, the weeds can be taken to the Town of Vermilion Waste Transfer Site. Notify the scale attendant that you have scentless chamomile and they will direct you to an area for disposal.

Cutting the plant with a lawn mower or a weed trimmer will most certainly cause the seed to spread throughout your property and neighboring properties.

By doing your part, chamomile can be controlled in Vermilion.



