

# ADAMS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT POLICY ON INVASIVE SPECIES

NR 40 is a Wisconsin rule administered by the Department of Natural Resources that classifies invasive species as Prohibited or Restricted and regulates the transportation, possession, transfer, and introduction of those species. The major purpose of the rule is to educate people in Wisconsin about invasive species and actions they can take to minimize their spread and damage they cause.

Adams County will recognize NR 40 and will strive to be in substantial compliance with the new rule. Adams County will use Best Management Practices (BMP's) as well as employee training to help comply with NR 40.

- Vegetation management and Inspection/Monitoring BMP's
  1. Train employees to recognize invasive species.
  2. Mow early to prevent seed production and to deplete root reserves.
  3. Limit transport by cleaning mowers frequently.
  4. Monitor right-of-ways during the growing season and determine treatments based on the presence of invasive species.
- Soil disturbance, transport of materials and re-vegetation BMP's
  1. Prior to implementing activities scout and locate invasive species.
  2. Plan activities to limit the potential spread.
  3. Minimize soil disturbance.
  4. Clean equipment prior to moving it from one area to another.
  5. Select appropriate seed species and re-vegetate as soon as practical.
  6. Mulch with clean weed free mulching product.