



THE DIRT

The Dirt is intended to provide a monthly summary of recent activities and inform you of upcoming events and important information. We have other mailing lists that target specific land uses or topics and communications are sent throughout the year. If you are interested in receiving additional information from ACCD, please contact us at info@asotincd.org or 509-552-8117.

❖ ANNUAL MEETING

It is time once again for the Asotin County Conservation District annual meeting and dinner for Asotin County Landowners and Cooperators.

This year's meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 13th, 2:30 – 8pm**. We have an exciting event prior to the program and dinner.

- 2:30 pm – Election polls open
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm – Pesticide Credit Course (2 credits)
- 5:00 pm – Social (refreshments served)
- 6:00 pm – *Program updates from ACCD, NRCS, and FSA*
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm – *Dinner and Dessert*
- 7:30 pm – Election polls close

Please RSVP by March 6th. Call or text: 509-552-8117 or email: info@asotincd.org

❖ TREE AND PLANT SALE

ACCD's annual tree and plant sale is now open for pre-orders online. If you need assistance with ordering, please call or stop by our office. No phone or mail-in orders will be accepted. Pre-sales will end on Friday, March 14th. Pre-order pickups, as well as new orders for existing available stock will be, March 20-21, 9am – 4:30pm. Visit our website for important details and the link to place your order <https://asotincd.org/tree-sale-2/>

❖ NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES WEEK

February 24th – 28th is National Invasive Species Awareness Week!

An invasive species is a plant, animal, parasite, or disease that is not native and causes harm to the environment that it is invading. These species are economically and ecologically devastating. The United States spends billions of dollars a year managing invasive species. These invaders negatively impact key industries including agriculture, forestry, fisheries, recreation, and hydroelectricity.

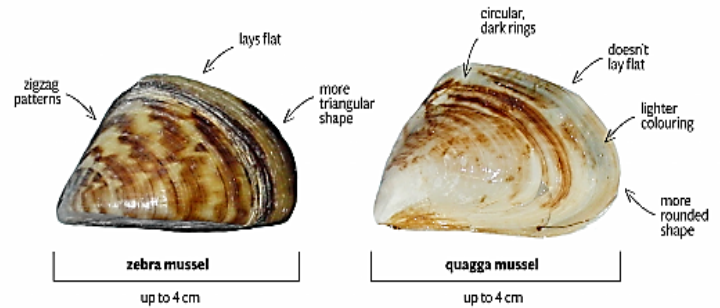
Potential new invaders to be on the lookout for:



Spotted Lanternfly



Emerald Ash Borer



Zebra Mussels and Quagga Mussels

Visit the links below for additional information and upcoming National Invasive Species Awareness Week Events.

- Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board <https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/>
- Washington Invasive Species Council- Invasive Species Awareness Week Events: <https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/projects/invasive-species-awareness-week/>
- Washington Invasive Species Council: Report Invasive species! <https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/report-a-sighting/>
- North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA): Invasive Species Awareness Week Events: <https://naisma.org/programs/nisaw/>
- USDA Invasive Species Information Center <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/us/washington>

❖ NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL COST-SHARE PROGRAM 2025

Cost-share is available for all class B and C noxious weed treatment. Acres enrolled in CRP, CREP and CCRP or acres in a cropping rotation are not eligible for the program. (Please submit your applications soon, available cost-share funds are limited this year.)

The following are two options available:
(landowners may only participate in one of the options)

Ground application will be 50% cost-share not to exceed a payment of \$25 per acre with a cap of \$500 per landowner. Landowners may do the work themselves or hire a contractor to do the spraying. (See the ACCD Contractor's List for licensed contractors in the area, other licensed contractors may be used as well.)

Aerial applications will be 50% cost-share not to exceed a payment of \$25 per acre with a cap of \$500 per landowner.

Please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 kodie@asotincd.org for more information.

❖ 2025 COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST:

The Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board adopted the 2025 Washington State Noxious Weed list. Round Leaf Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) and Marsh Thistle (*Cirsium palustre*) were both listed as class A species on the state weed list. No other new species were listed. The state and county 2025 noxious weed lists can be found on the Asotin County Conservation District's website <https://asotincd.org/weed-control/>

❖ NOXIOUS WEED SPOTLIGHT

Purple loosestrife is a class B emergent aquatic species that aggressively invades wetlands, marshes, streams, rivers, and other freshwater. It can grow up to ten feet tall and has a woody perennial tap root. Purple densely clustered flowers grow on a terminal spike. Leaves are lance-shaped and alternate, opposite or whorls of 3. The leaves are sometimes covered with fine hair. Stems are branched, upright and slightly square with 4 to 6 sides. Once established purple loosestrife is extremely difficult to remove. It reproduces by seed and vegetatively form shoots and root fragments.

There are a few biological control options available. Cutting or mowing is partially effective but be sure to mow multiple times a year to prevent seed production. Plants can be manually removed but be sure to remove all of the roots. Herbicides are an effective form of control but be sure to use aquatic labeled herbicides if applying near surface water. Habitat (active ingredient: imazapyr) and Rodeo (active ingredient: glyphosate) are both aquatic herbicides that are labeled for control purple loosestrife.

One small population is known in Asotin County along the Snake River south of Clarkston. If you have any questions, please contact Kodie Wight at (509) 552-8119 or kodie@asotincd.org.



❖ EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Even though the mornings are now snowy, it is the perfect time to plan for spring chores. Whether your project is big or small, ACCD has the right size equipment available to rent! The goal is to assist livestock producers with manure management projects.

- Large-scale manure trommel
- Large-scale manure spreader
- Small-scale manure spreader

To learn more about our equipment, rental program, and to schedule spring manure spreading, contact ACCD at (509) 552-8117 or info@asotincd.org

Save The Date!

Annual Meeting & Election

Thursday, March 13th

RSVP today!

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Annual Tree Sale

March 20th & 21st

Submit your pre-orders today!

FUN FACT

Snow is translucent, not white. It appears white because light reflects off of it.

UPCOMING DATES

- **ACCD Board Meeting: March 6th at 6pm**