Roadside Gorse and Broom



Did you know?

As a landowner you are responsible for controlling boundary and scattered gorse and broom on your property – including roadsides in many cases.

There are different rules for gorse and broom roadside control depending on which District Council zone the roadside falls into. The differing areas of landowner responsibility are set out in the table below:



Territorial Authority Area	Responsibility for control
Timaru District	Timaru District Council's
Waimate District	Adjoining landowner's
Waitaki District	Waitaki District Council's
Mackenzie District	Adjoining landowner's
State Highways	Road Controlling Authority's

Three things to ensure:



1. All your boundaries are cleared at least 10m from your neighbour's property (where their land is clear or being cleared of gorse and broom). NOTE: For roadsides the boundary is considered the centre line of the road. Roadside authorities will control weeds within 10m of the centre of the road.
2. All scattered plants and isolated patches less that 50 square metres on your property are controlled.
3. Gorse and broom hedges are trimmed annually after flowering, but before seed set.

For more information please contact the biosecurity team
via 0800 324 636 or email biosecurity@ecan.govt.nz

Environment Canterbury
Regional Council
Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha