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STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING INVASIVES FROM TAKING OVER YOUR HOME LANDSCAPE

Invasive plants are all around – and primed to move into your property. To keep them at bay you must be alert and proactive.

- Don't purchase soil, compost or mulch without first conducting a site visit to the landscape yard. Soil in particular is likely to contain many weed seeds.
- Take precautions with plant swaps. Discard all the soil – or participate in bare-root plant swaps.
- Require tree service companies or construction companies to use pads and/or blow off their vehicles' tires before driving onto your yard.
- Ask questions before accepting plants from friends: Native? Non-native? Aggressive? Their source? Etc.
- Learn how to ID the common invasive vines, shrubs, trees, and perennials.
- Check your property frequently for the common invasives that are found in your neighborhood and remove promptly.
- After hiking or camping, clean off footwear, gear, tires, and outdoor equipment to remove plant seeds. You never know what invasives you might be carrying into your landscape.



Good Websites For Information About Invasive Plant Control

University of Maryland - **vines and groundcovers:**

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/invasive-vine-and-groundcover-control>

University of Maryland- **shrubs**

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/invasive-shrub-control>

University of Maryland - **herbaceous plants:**

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/mugwort>;

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/japanese-stiltgrass-home-landscapes>

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/containing-and-removing-bamboo>

PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources - Oriental bittersweet:

<http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=1741456&DocName=sf-invpt-OrientalBittersweet.pdf>

Penn State Extension - Autumn olive and Bradford pear "Callery pear"

<https://extension.psu.edu/autumn-olive>

<https://extension.psu.edu/callery%20pear>

Interested in native plants? Consider joining the Native Plant Society of NJ. Annual membership is just \$25. Our local group, the Southeast Chapter, a friendly group of like-minded people, meets at Stockton or takes field trips once/month. Go to npsnj.org for more information.

