

DO NOT PLANT - REMOVE



English Ivy



Vinca



Himalayan Blackberry



Garlic Mustard



Japanese Knotweed



Clematis

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NO INVASIVES

IN MY BACKYARD

A Community Program to
Remove Aggressive
Weeds and Garden
Responsibly



BACKYARD HABITAT PROGRAM

WE ALL BENEFIT FROM NATURAL HABITATS

Non-native plants can become noxious weeds and threaten the health of our forests. Where weeds encroach, beautiful scenery and ecosystem services provided by natural habitats are lost, replaced by a desert of a few weed species. The loss of these ecosystem services has economic costs.

"The unchecked spread of invasive plants in natural areas may have tremendous economic consequences resulting in falling trees, power line disruptions, landslides, wildfire, and degraded air and water quality."

*Portland City Council,
November 23, 2005*

Noxious weeds are introduced from other parts of the world. They can spread at an alarming rate, because they out-compete native plants for light, water and space; there are few natural checks in our native ecosystem to keep noxious weeds in balance.

Where natural habitats are intact, a diversity of native plants filter water and air, reduce soil erosion and provide food and nesting habitat for a myriad of native wildlife species – from songbirds to amphibians and mammals. Native plants are a good choice for landscaping because they are integral to our Pacific Northwest ecosystems.

A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO RESCUE THE FORESTS OF PORTLAND'S SOUTHWEST HILLS

A coalition of fifteen local neighborhood organizations, private individuals, City of Portland and OHSU are unifying efforts with a five-year goal of controlling aggressive weeds on 300 acres and restoring 75 acres throughout the southwest hills.

- Each of the groups involved in this restoration project has a stake in conserving this forested corridor.
- Funds have been committed to recruit volunteers and to raise additional dollars to remove noxious weeds from our parks and other open spaces.
- Equally important is to remove noxious weeds from private residential and commercial properties otherwise our restored areas will continue to be threatened.
- We all need to work together to accomplish our goal. We all need to do our share, individually and together.
- As a catalyst to this effort, the West Willamette Restoration Partnership has created the **Backyard Habitat Program**. The program helps individual homeowners remove aggressive weeds, and garden with native plants.

YOU MAY HAVE A NOXIOUS WEED IN YOUR BACKYARD!!

To find out if you have noxious weeds in your backyard, or to find out how to remove them and replant with natives, here is what you can do:

- **Identify** these aggressive weeds. Remove and dispose as trash. Replant with native vegetation.
- **Don't plant them!** See other side for photos of these plants that are threatening our forests.
- **Need help? Need advice?** Contact Three Rivers Land Conservancy **(503-699-9825)** for more information about removal and replanting or have your landscape professional contact us. We have the resources, contacts and information to help.
- **Volunteer!** Join our volunteer work parties, or join our neighborhood outreach efforts.
- **Donate!** Our operating costs have been funded for three years. Additional contributions will go directly to the removal of noxious weeds.
- **Get rewarded!! Get certified!!**

There are three certification levels:
SILVER: Aggressive weeds removed.
GOLD: 25% replanted with natives.
PLATINUM: 75% replanted with natives.

Receive a **FREE yard display sign**

Now is the time to make a difference!

IDENTIFY...REMOVE...REPLANT...