



What you can do in your yard

If you want to help keep non-native invasive plants out of our natural areas, we need to keep them out of our yards.

- **Do not plant non-native invasive plants**
- **Consider buying native plants first**
- **Remove non-native invasive plants**
Proper disposal for most plants:
 1. Bag in heavy black plastic
 2. Set bags in the sun for several weeks
 3. Put bags in the trash**Never dump in open space!**

What Columbia Association is doing

- **Sponsoring Weed Warrior training**
Call CA Open Space, 410-312-6330
- **Removing non-native invasives from landscaped areas**
- **Replacing bamboo at lake parks**



Invasive plants and your yard

If you have a yard, you have a part to play

Learn more:

mdinvasivesp.org/list_terrestrial_plants.html
mdflora.org/publications/nurseries.html
extension.umd.edu/tags/native-plants
nps.gov/plants/pubs/Chesapeake

Many non-native plants threatening our natural areas escaped from home landscapes.
Let's garden responsibly.

Notorious non-natives to avoid



Burning Bush
(*Euonymus alatus*)



Chinese Wisteria
(*Wisteria sinensis*)



English Ivy
(*Hedera helix*)



Japanese Barberry
(*Berberis thunbergii*)



Miscanthus
(*Miscanthus sinensis*)



Vinca or Periwinkle
(*Vinca minor*)

What is a non-native invasive plant?

Non-native plants were introduced to our region and would not naturally grow here. Those that are invasive spread rampantly, damaging the environment and our economy.

- Do not provide quality food for birds, butterflies and other creatures
- Crowd out the native species that help make Maryland unique
- Grow rampantly in natural areas and are time-consuming to control

Winning natives choices



Pink Muhly Grass
(*Muhlenbergia capillaris*)



Eastern Redbud
(*Cercis Canadensis*)



Ostrich Fern
(*Matteuccia pensylvanica*)



Amsonia or Blue Star
(*Amsonia hubrichtii*)



Prairie Dropseed
(*Sporobolus heterolepis*)



Sweetbay Magnolia
(*Magnolia virginiana*)



Winterberry Holly
(*Ilex verticillata*)

Shopping for native plants

You will find more native cultivars (cultivated varieties) than "straight species." (Example: coneflower is *Echinacea purpurea*. *Echinacea purpurea* "Magnus" is a cultivar.) Cultivars are considered to have less ecological value than the straight species. **Buy the straight species when available.**