

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.



<u>Notorious non-natives to avoid</u>



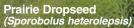
What is a non-native invasive plant?

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)















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.