



Invading Northport

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Notorious Invasive Invaders:



Japanese Knotweed



Lesser Celandine



English Ivy

Japanese Knotweed:

Where it came from: overseas (mostly Japan) in 1880s for ornamental and privacy plantings. (spreads fast; grows tall)

How it spreads: Below ground - extensive root system - up to 10 meters deep! **EVERY Single Piece of leaf, stem, etc.. from cutting can create a new plant!!!! Do NOT MOW, weed-whack, etc...!!!!**

Why it's damaging: It can live on volcanoes...virtually indestructible in our area. Takes over areas that have been cleared out. Spreads rapidly. Can be dormant for years if hidden (under pool) & then activates in light.

How to Treat Knotweed:

Can ONLY cut it back at end of April/early May. Must bag up!



New baby plants in new areas can be pulled & bagged at this time.



Window of Treatment:

2 Week Window

After flowering, but before plant dies back.

2% glyphosate



How to control insects without damaging your plants or beneficial insects:



Instead of:



Butterfly Bush



Butterfly Weed

Try:

or



Milkweed (many species)



English Ivy

or



Pachysandra



Virginia Creeper

or



Wild Geranium

Resources:

Northport Native Garden Initiative (NNGI) - Website & Facebook

KMS Natives - Kimberly Marie - Facebook - Lake Grove

Dropseed Native Landscapes - Anthony Marinello - Facebook - Malverne

Long Island Native Plant Gardening Group - Facebook

