

Japanese Knotweed: Top Weed for Home Damage in the U.S.



What Is Japanese Knotweed?

This invasive weed is extremely difficult to eradicate. It can damage home foundations, driveways, walkways, and gardens.

- Grows up to three inches per day in season
- Spreads to 70 feet from nearest stem
- Roots grow 20 feet deep
- Reaches up to 10 feet tall

How To Identify Japanese Knotweed

- ✓ Light green heart-shaped leaves
- ✓ Hollow bamboo-like stem
- ✓ Leaves have zigzag pattern from stem
- ✓ Purple speckles on stems and leaves
- ✓ White flowers in late August to September

Damage From Japanese Knotweed

- Cracks and clogs drainpipes
- Breaks up concrete and asphalt
- Damages foundations
- Can have a negative impact on home value

Protect Your Home

- ✓ Cut stems to ground
- ✓ Safely dispose of clippings; do not compost
- ✓ Cover with material that restricts light and water
- ✓ Sink plastic barrier around area to stop root spread
- ✓ Excavate entire area or use herbicide
- ✓ Consult an expert
- ✓ Have your home inspected by foundation repair professionals

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