Groundworks

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 feet from day in season
 - nearest stem

Spreads to 70

- Roots grow 20 feet deep
- Reaches up to 10 feet tall

How To Identify Japanese Knotweed

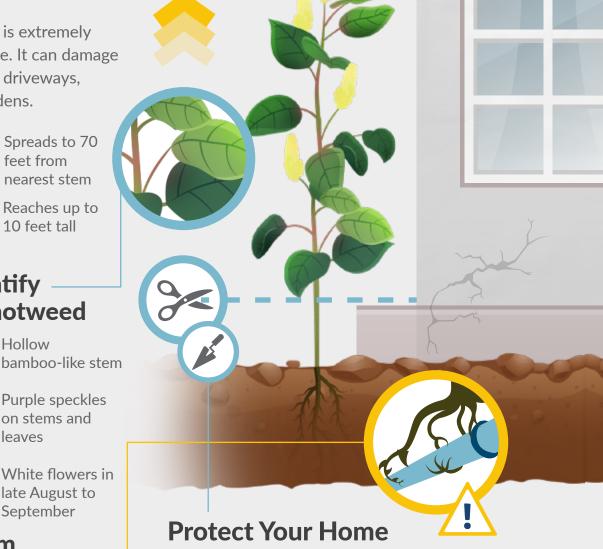
- **⊘** Light green heart-shaped leaves
 - **⊘** Purple speckles on stems and leaves

Hollow

- Leaves have zigzag pattern from stem
- 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



- 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

- professionals



