

# 3 Easy Steps to Rid Invasive Plants From Your Landscape

## 1 Do Not Buy Invasive Plants

Despite the fact that invasive plants cause great damage to ecosystems, they are available at many nurseries. If we purchase invasive plants, nurseries will continue to sell them. Please refer to the **Do Not Plant List** on our website. [NJISST.org](http://NJISST.org)

The Strike Team strongly supports restricting the sale of invasive species. It is our hope that we can work with our partners to develop regulations protective of our natural heritage, while supporting a strong nursery trade.

If we demand native plants, they will become more readily available. Ask your garden center to sell natives!

## 2 Remove Invasive Plants from Your Property

Identify plants that are considered invasive. They may be planted in your landscape or sprout up as weeds.

Small plants & weeds can be pulled by hand or smothered by a heavy layer of mulch.

Shrubs & trees can be cut down to stumps. Allow each stump to re-sprout & then spray new leaves with a foliar herbicide. Or dig up trees and shrubs, but keep in mind the fact that pieces of root can re-sprout.

Seeds often germinate for many years, so you may have to pull seedlings over time.

If not using herbicides on larger plants, be extremely patient and cut re-sprouting plants several times per year until roots are exhausted.

Larger shrubs & trees can be cut down to stumps and herbicide can be applied to them. Please use herbicides sparingly and with caution!

Our website has specific recommendations for each invasive species.

## 3 Grow Plants that are Native to New Jersey

Here are a few native species we encourage you to plant. Native plants require little to no fertilizer, which is critical for the protection of our drinking water and our streams, rivers and ponds. They also have low water requirements, rain is usually all they need, and they also provide valuable food and shelter for native wildlife.

Trees



birch  
(Betula)



flowering dogwood  
(Cornus florida)



redbud  
(Cercis canadensis)



serviceberry  
(Amelanchier)

Shrubs



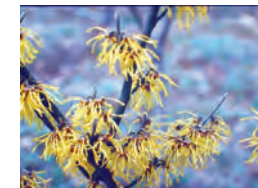
arrowwood  
(Viburnum dentatum)



winterberry holly  
(Ilex verticillata)



blueberry  
(Vaccinium corymbosum)



witchhazel  
(Hamamelis virginiana)

Flowers & Ferns



butterfly milkweed  
(Asclepias tuberosa)



wild bergamot  
(Monarda fistulosa)



beardtongue  
(Penstemon hirsutus)



christmas fern  
(Polystichum acrostichoides)

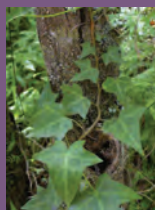
## Do Not Plant These Commonly Used Invasive Plants



chinese silver grass  
(Miscanthus sinensis)



burning bush  
(Euonymus alatus)



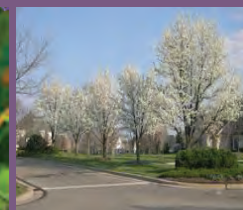
english ivy  
(Hedera helix)



japanese barberry  
(Berberis thunbergii)



butterfly bush  
(Buddleja davidii)



callery pear  
(Pyrus calleryana)



**GO NATIVE!**



**Great Spangled Fritillary**  
Gemma Milly, photographer

**About the Strike Team**

Although there are more than 70 non-native invasive plants, pathogens, insects & other animals that have become widespread across New Jersey, there are nearly 150 invasive species in the Garden State whose populations have not yet grown to the point where their spread is inevitable. These are known as emerging invasive species, these are the ones the Strike Team is working to control.

When we keep invasive species in check, we protect both our natural resources and our economy. It is a lot cheaper to protect natural systems than to restore them after they've been damaged!

The Strike Team maintains a clearinghouse of data about emerging invasive species in the state, prioritizes problem species, provides training for land stewards and property owners, and coordinates detection, eradication and outreach programs.

For additional resources & more information, please visit our website [www.njisst.org](http://www.njisst.org) or email us at [info@njisst.org](mailto:info@njisst.org)

**We Need Your Support**

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**Together, We Can  
Nip Invasive Species  
in the Bud!**



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