

Invasive Species in Townsend

Japanese Knotweed



Townsend residents are asked to be on the lookout for Japanese Knotweed.

Japanese Knotweed is listed by the World Conservation Union as one of the world's worst invasive species. The plant can grow in almost any type of soil, is extremely difficult to eradicate, and spreads at a rapid rate. Eventually knotweed infestations form thick, dense colonies that completely crowd out native species.

For more information on Japanese Knotweed, please scan the QR Code.



Japanese Barberry



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Japanese Barberry is an exotic invasive shrub that can be found throughout the northeastern U.S. Though it was once a popular ornamental; the importation, distribution, trade, and sale of Japanese Barberry have been banned in Massachusetts since 2009.

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USDA Plants Database: <https://plants.usda.gov/home>



