

Japanese Knotweed ALERT!

Hello Neighbor,
Japanese knotweed
has been spotted in the
immediate area and
may have invaded your
landscape. Please be on
the look-out for this highly
invasive* plant.



Photo: Leslie Seiger,
San Diego Mesa College,
Bugwood.org

Large, upright plant with
broad heart-shaped leaves.
Hollow bamboo-like stalks
can grow 10 feet tall. Sprays
of white flowers in fall.



Photo: Tom Heutte, USDA
Forest Service, Bugwood.org

*An invasive plant is a species
that is not native and its
introduction causes, or is
likely to cause, economic or
environmental harm or harm
to human health.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Impacts:

- Horizontal roots send up shoots that can push through pavement and cause structural damage to buildings.
- Forms dense thickets that exclude other vegetation and alter ecosystems.
- Tiny fragments of stems or roots can produce new plants.

Prevent Further Spread:

- Do not use in landscaping.
- Do not mow as it causes vigorous resprouting and can scatter stem fragments.
- **DO NOT COMPOST.**

CAUTION! Some removal methods can spread the infestation.

Using chemical treatments can be hazardous to people, pets, and landscapes. Read and follow the entire manufacturer's label for usage.

To learn more visit www.misin.msu.edu

For invasive plant treatment assistance contact the West Michigan CISMA Coordinator at 616.402.9608 or email westmi-cisma@macd.org

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