

Phragmites/Common Reed ALERT!

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



Above photo: Bruce Ackley,
The Ohio State University,
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Above right photo: Ohio
State Weed Lab Archive,
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A tall perennial
grass that
can grow to
over 15 feet in

height. The hollow, ribbed
stems can be up to 1 inch
in diameter. Purple-brown
seedheads develop into
feathery branched clusters
of small flowers in mid-July.



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*An invasive plant is an alien (non-native) species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. This is a photo of a typical Phragmites/Common Reed infestation.

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Impacts:

- Tall plants block views of lakes, rivers and streams.
- Hinders access to water recreation.
- Large stands of Phragmites increase fire hazards.
- Rapid growth rate chokes out other vegetation.
- Eliminates habitat for waterfowl and other animal species.

Suggested Control:

- Chemical treatment with herbicide approved for use in wetlands can effectively control Phragmites.
- Permits may be required to treat stands in or near water.

CAUTION!

Do not dig, pull, cut, mow, till, or burn — this may stimulate plant growth and spread infestation

To learn more visit www.misin.msu.edu



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

For invasive plant treatment assistance contact invasive coordinator at 616.402.9608 or email westmi-cisma@macd.org

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