

Invasive Plants in Knoxville: How to Combat Them

What do we mean by "Invasive"?

Invasive species are alien or foreign to the ecosystem in consideration and cause environmental, economic, and or human harm.

Invasive plants have the potential to grow so rapidly that they can cover the entire under-story of a forest! As a result, native plants would be displaced because they wouldn't be able to get access to space and sunlight for growth.

What are the commonly found invasive plant species in Knoxville?

Honeysuckle
(*Lonicera maackii*)



Winter Creeper
(*Euonymus fortunei*)



English Ivy
(*Hedera helix*)



Chinese Privet
(*Ligustrum sinense*)



What can YOU do to prevent the spread of these species?

Remove them from your yards/properties and other at-risk areas.

Do your research before going to nurseries to purchase plants.

Volunteer at events (*Weed Wrangle, Keep Knoxville Beautiful, etc*).

Only landscape with native plants.