

# COMMUNITY BACKYARDS Invasive, Do-Not-Plant List – Not Reimbursable Plants 2025

Perennials, Vines, and Grasses	
Asian Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>
Bamboo	<i>Fargesia spp., Phyllostachys spp., Sasa spp., &amp; others</i>
Chinese Silvergrass/Zebragrass	<i>Miscanthus, Miscanthus sinensis</i>
Chocolate Vine	<i>Akebia quinata</i>
Crown Vetch	<i>Coronilla varia</i>
Dame's Rocket	<i>Hesperis matronalis</i>
English Ivy/Common Ivy	<i>Hedera helix</i>
Fountaingrass	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>
Goutweed	<i>Aegopodium podagraria</i>
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>
Lesser Celandine	<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>
Moneywort	<i>Lysimachia nummularia</i>
Morning Glory	<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>
Orange Day Lily	<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>
Periwinkle/Myrtle	<i>Vinca minor, Vinca major</i>
Porcelainberry	<i>Ampelopsis brevipedunculata</i>
Purple Dead Nettle	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria, Lythrum virgatum</i>
Reed Canary Grass	<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>
Star-of-Bethlehem	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>
Sweet Autumn Clematis	<i>Clematis terniflora</i>
Sweet Clover: White, Yellow	<i>Melilotus alba, Melilotus officinalis</i>
Wintercreeper	<i>Euonymus fortunei</i>
Wisteria: Chinese, Japanese	<i>Wisteria sinensis, Wisteria floribunda</i>
Yellow Flag Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>

You can help stop the spread of invasive plants by not buying or planting these plants and their cultivars. Any plants on this list, including cultivars, are **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT**. Additionally, the following plants are **NOT eligible** for reimbursement: vegetables, herbs, aquatics, annuals, and any seeds (including native perennial seeds).

This list is based on information from the Ohio Invasive Plants Council (OPIC), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), City of Columbus, Dawes Arboretum, and invasive plant lists from surrounding states.

Trees and Shrubs	
Alder: European Alder, Common Alder, Black Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>
Ash native, but all susceptible to EAB	<i>Fraxinus spp.</i>
Barberry: Japanese, Common	<i>Berberis thunbergii, Berberis vulgaris</i>
Buckthorn: Common, Glossy, Alder	<i>Rhamnus cathartica, Rhamnus frangula, Frangula alnus</i>
Butterfly Bush	<i>Buddleja, Buddleja davidii</i>
Callery/Bradford Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>
Cork Tree/Amur Cork Tree	<i>Phellodendron amurense</i>
European Smoketree	<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>
Golden Raintree/Chinese Lantern Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>
Honeysuckles (Non-native Bush & Vine): Amur, Morrow, Tatarian, Japanese	<i>Lonicera maackii, Lonicera morrowii, Lonicera tatarica, Lonicera japonica</i>
Japanese Holly	<i>Ilex crenata</i>
Japanese Spiraea/Meadowsweet	<i>Spiraea japonica</i>
Mimosa/Silktree	<i>Albizia julibrissin</i>
Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Olive: Autumn, Russian	<i>Eleagnus umbellata, Eleagnus angustifolia</i>
Princess Tree	<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>
Privet: Chinese, Glossy, Japanese	<i>Ligustrum sinense, Ligustrum lucidum, Ligustrum japonicum</i>
Rose: Multiflora, Dog	<i>Rosa multiflora, Rosa canina</i>
Rose of Sharon	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>
Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>
Viburnum (European Cranberry Bush/Guelder Rose)	<i>Viburnum opulus, Viburnum plicatum, Viburnum dilatatum, Viburnum sieboldii</i>
	Avoid <i>Viburnum trilobum</i> (often misidentified)
White Mulberry	<i>Morus alba</i>
Wineberry	<i>Rubus phoenicolasius</i>
Winged Euonymus/Burning Bush	<i>Euonymus alatus</i>