



Japanese Knotweed: Top Weed for Home Damage in Missouri

What Is Japanese Knotweed?

This invasive, enormously difficult-to-eradicate weed damages home foundations, driveways, walkways, and gardens.

- Grows three inches per day
- Up to 10 feet tall
- Roots reach 20 feet deep
- Spreads up to 70 feet from nearest stem

How To Identify Japanese Knotweed

- ✓ Green heart-shaped leaves
- ✓ Stems and leaves both have purple speckles
- ✓ Zigzag pattern of leaves on stems
- ✓ Creamy white flowers in late August to September
- ✓ Bamboo-like green stem, hollow and segmented

Damage From Japanese Knotweed

- Can clog, crack, and break drainpipes
- Breaks up concrete and asphalt
- Damages home foundations
- Negative impact on home value

Protect Your Home

- ✓ Cut stems down to the ground.
- ✓ Dispose of clippings. Do not compost.
- ✓ Cover area with tarp, allowing no light or water.
- ✓ Sink barrier around area to stop root spread.
- ✓ Consult an expert.
- ✓ Have your home inspected by foundation repair professionals.

