

INVASIVE OF THE MONTH

Don't decorate with beautiful, tree-killing oriental bittersweet

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In late November and early December, it's awfully tempting to cut this colorful weed and use it in holiday decorations. That's one way the berries of this tree-killing vine are transported to new locations. Resist the urge!

The vigorous and aggressive twining vine of oriental bittersweet can girdle a tree, choke off its nutrients, and kill the tree in just a few years. If you have bittersweet growing on your property, make a note of the location. Then, in spring, well before the plant sets fruit, go to www.extension.psu.edu for details on how to eradicate it.

Find more information about invasive plants at <https://brodheadwatershed.org/common-invasive-plants-chart/>

