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Caption: Knotweed in bloom.



Now's the time to see if you have knotweed

Japanese knotweed is blooming now, usually found near our Pocono creeks and streams, crowding out everything else.

Look for long, arching flower spikes that grow along its branches. The flowers are creamy white, and you may also notice its sticky-sweet scent. It's much easier to identify now than at any other time of year.

Mark the areas where you find it on your property. Then, mark your calendar for next June, when you can start the two-step process of getting rid of it. Here's a summary of what you'll do next year:

In early July, cut all the knotweed down to knee height, NOT shorter.

Over the summer, the knotweed will draw huge amounts of energy from its roots to regrow. In late September, use a herbicide that is safe to use near water on the regrowth.

Within three weeks, most of the regrowth will wither and die. For detailed information on this pest and how to eradicate it, go to <https://extension.psu.edu/japanese-knotweed> or visit www.brodheadwatershed.org

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed, and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.

