

GARDENER ACTION PLAN

When native species thrive in your garden, bees, birds and butterflies can blossom, too. So be selective with what you plant in your garden and keep invaders away.

1. Plant local

Choose native or non-invasive species to make sure all of your flowers are friendly. Take a look at the **Grow Me Instead** guides to find recommended garden species for Northern and Southern Ontario.

2. Root out invaders carefully

Put your uprooted invaders into a garbage bag so they don't have a chance to: sprout new roots and grow unchecked in nearby natural areas.

3. Keep invaders out of your compost

Invasive plants (even when uprooted) can spread seeds in your compost pile.

4. Don't forget about the pond!

Invasive plants can sneak into your water gardens. Never dump unwanted plants and fish into local waterways.

5. Keep your eyes peeled

Inspect your property and shoreline for any sign of invasion. To find out what species are threatening your area, visit eddmaps.org/ontario/

6. Report all invaders

Call the Invading Species Hotline at **1-800-563-7711** to report an invasive species sighting. Or download the **EDDMapS Ontario app** to report an invader on the spot.

7. Stop the invasion

Enjoy the great outdoors? Make sure to visit ontario.ca/invasionON to find out more about our top invaders and download the:

- Angler Action Plan
- Boater Action Plan
- Hiker Action Plan
- Gardener Action Plan