

Home Quest #1

Identify & Remove an Invasive Plant

For this challenge, you and your team will need to search around your property for an invasive plant. Using the resources below, identify the plant, remove it from your yard and take a picture of it. Check with the resources below to learn the best way to remove the plant. Usually pulling the plant and disposing of it (without throwing it on the compost pile) is sufficient. Do NOT use herbicides such as Round-Up to remove invasive plants – these chemicals end up in our lakes when used on your property!

If you are inspired to help rid your yard of more invasive plants to make room for natives to grow on your property use the resources below to help you identify and remove more!

Resources:

1. Plant Invaders of the Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas
(pdf) <http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/midatlanticprint.htm>
2. Free App: MAEDN (Mid-Atlantic Early Detection Network) – iOS & Android
3. University of Maryland Extension: <http://extension.umd.edu/tags/invasive>