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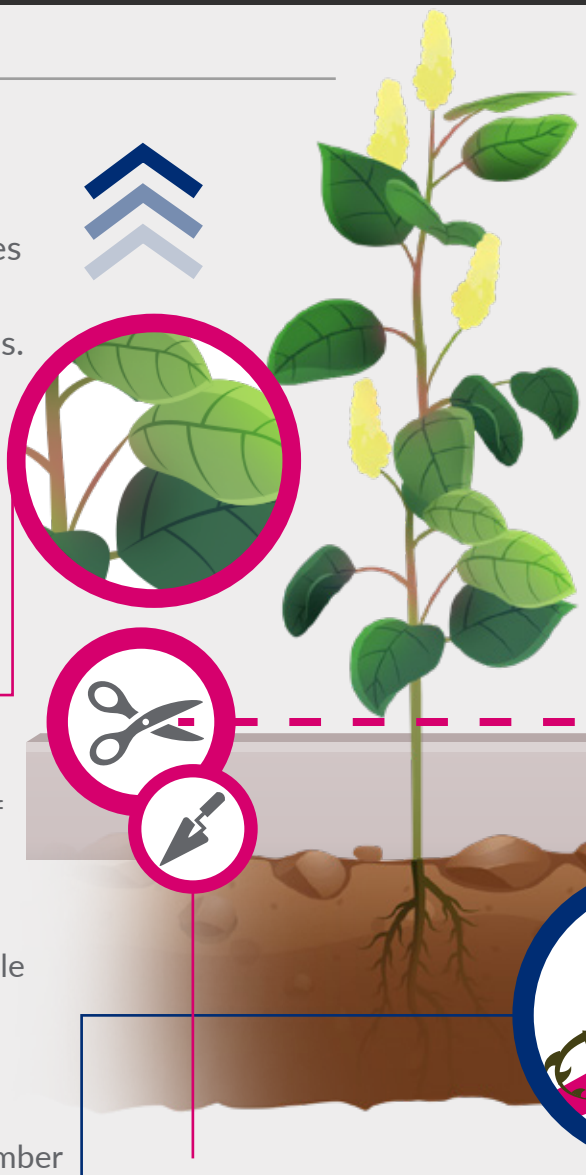
Japanese Knotweed:
Top Weed for Home Damage in Ohio

What Is Japanese Knotweed?

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

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



How To Identify Japanese Knotweed

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

Damage From Japanese Knotweed

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

How To Protect Your Home

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

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