

Oriental Bittersweet Vine:

This plant is a non-native, invasive deciduous plant that threatens native plants & forests. The tangled vines smother native vegetation and can become so heavy that they uproot plants & kill mature trees.



To remove:

1. Cut tall vines at the ground level and at eye level. You want to ensure that there are no dangling vines close to the ground that could make it easy for new sprouts to quickly climb.
2. Physically remove as much of the plant & root as you can, but do not attempt to pull vines from tall tree branches. Simply severing the root will lighten the load on the tree whereas pulling vines could cause more strain on an already stressed tree.
3. Try to discard ALL of any plant you remove (even berries) in a sealed trash bag. Even a small piece can regenerate.
4. Every year, watch for new bright green seedlings in the vicinity of previous mature vines & pull them out, throwing in a sealed trash bag. If hand pulling is too tough, weekly mowing of seedlings can help to prevent spread by not allowing fruit to form.

5. Burning dead plants can neutralize seeds, but will stimulate increased root activity in live plants.
6. Note: while birds do eat the berries, contributing to its spread, this plant is TOXIC for dogs. Do not allow them to ingest it.
7. Never compost it. Never use these vines for craft projects.

There is a native vine called American Bittersweet.

How do you tell the difference?

The good one: **American Bittersweet**

Vine has clusters of yellow orange berries only at the end of the vine stems.

The bad one: **Oriental Bittersweet**

Vine has berries that are spread all along the vine's stem.

REMOVE THIS ONE & DISCARD
IN A SEALED TRASH BAG.



THIS ONE IS NOW RARE BUT GOOD.
DO NOT REMOVE.

