

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 can uproot plants & kill mature trees.



To remove:

1. Physically remove as much of the plant & root as you can. Weekly mowing or trimming can help to prevent spread by not allowing fruit to form.
2. Try to discard ALL of it (even berries) in a sealed trash bag. Even a small piece can regenerate into a new plant.
3. Every year, watch for new suckers & pull them out, throwing in a sealed trash bag. They are easy to spot due to their orange color.
4. Burning will NOT kill Oriental Bittersweet..
5. Note: while birds do eat the berries, contributing to its spread, this plant is toxic for dogs. Do not allow them to ingest it.
6. Never compost it. Never use these vines for craft projects.
7. If a tree is heavily weighted down, do not pull the vines off the tree. Instead remove the root & cut away what you can reach.

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 RARE BUT GOOD. DO NOT REMOVE.



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