

# Weeds

How do I get rid of weeds?  
A guide for garden weed management

Struggling with weeds in your garden? This guide offers effective strategies for weed prevention, removal, and long-term management to keep your garden healthy and native plants happy.

**What is a weed?**

- A weed is an unwanted plant. Consider if the plant in question is causing a problem or if it can be tolerated.

**How do I remove weeds?**

- **Hauling.** Remove weeds by hand and move off site. Make sure to do this before plants set seed. Disposal may be an issue so plan ahead.
- **Mulching.** Place mulch over weeds to prevent their growth and spread.

**When should I mulch?**

- The timing and preparation of weeding is important for planting. Remove weeds before installing a garden.

**Do I need help?**

- If you have too many weeds to manage yourself, consider hiring help.

**What are alternate weeding strategies?**

- Alternate weed strategies are possible. For example, Goats or pigs can be used to remove heavy weed infestations.

**What do I do after I weed?**

- Once weeds removed, monitor to see if they return from seeds or underground stems.
- You will likely need to remove weeds intensely for a year or two.

**What are replacements?**

- Invasive plants like knotweed can be replaced by native plants such as ocean spray for bees.

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**Himalayan Blackberry**  
*Rubus armeniacus*  
Painful thorns, large root



**English Ivy**  
*Hedera helix*  
Harms trees, vine



**buttercup**  
*Ranunculus repens*  
Toxic to pets, lawn weed



**herb Robert**  
*Geranium robertianum*  
Prolific reseeder



**reed Canary Grass**  
*Phalaris arundinacea*  
Wet areas, monoculture



**hairy Bittercress**  
*Cardamine hirsuta*  
Winter weed, exploding fruit



**Canada thistle**  
*Cirsium arvense*  
Spiny



**oxeye daisy**  
*Leucanthemum vulgare*  
Lawn weed



**red deadnettle**  
*Lamium purpureum*  
Quick spreader