



YOUR FIELD GUIDE TO 5 NUISANCE PLANTS

Prevent unwanted vegetation from taking root

Nuisance plants can pose health and safety risks, overtake native vegetation, and offer harborage to pests — all bad for business.



Poison Ivy:

Found in Eastern and Central U.S. states, this three-leafed weed can cause minor to severe skin irritation and lung irritation when burned. The plant's leaves turn bright red in autumn and in late summer, it produces grayish, white berries. Poison ivy spreads quickly and can be a health risk for anyone who comes in contact with it.



Japanese Knotweed:

Common in Northeast U.S. states, west to CA, and south to the Mid-Atlantic, this invasive plant can be found in various landscapes including along roadsides, river edges, and stream banks. Its rapid growth rate can overtake native vegetation.



Ragweed:

Grows in abundance across Eastern and Central U.S. states along roadsides, agricultural fields, meadows, and remote industrial areas. Ragweed is a significant contributor to seasonal allergies, and is especially concerning for people who suffer from hay fever.



Johnson Grass:

Originally used to feed livestock, this fast-growing grass has naturalized through Southern U.S. states and as far north as Michigan. Considered an invasive species in some states due to its dense growth and ability to overtake native vegetation, Johnson grass can be found along field edges, roadsides, and meadows.



Pokeweed:

Found along roadsides, agricultural field edges, fallow fields, and residential areas throughout the U.S., pokeweed is highly poisonous to people and animals. With mature plants reaching a height of 10 feet tall, this plant's dark purple berries will stain light-colored clothing and cause digestive discomfort if eaten.

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